

## Temporary MassHealth Cards for TAFDC and EAEDC Applicants and Recipients

### TAFDC, EAEDC Field Operations Memo 2001- 15

- This Field Operations Memo clarifies when and how to issue temporary MassHealth cards.
- The two types of temporary MassHealth cards are:
  - the MASS REVS screen print that is used as a temporary replacement of a lost or stolen MassHealth card for an active TAFDC or EAEDC recipient, and
  - the blue and white, pre-printed “Temporary MassHealth Card” that is used as a temporary initial MassHealth card for a TAFDC or EAEDC applicant who has not yet been approved, but who is in a pending status, i.e., established on PACES with Action Reason 03.
- Field Operations Memo 94-35 is obsolete.

## FYI

### 236 or 221D3 Housing Subsidy: Eligibility for EA Temporary Emergency Shelter Benefits and Rental Allowance

When a recipient is evicted for nonpayment of rent from an apartment for which the landlord received a 236 or 221D3 project-based federal subsidy, it is necessary to obtain additional information before determining whether the recipient may be eligible to receive emergency shelter.

The federal subsidy the landlord received to build the housing complex is irrelevant to the recipient’s request for EA shelter benefits.

You must determine if the recipient has a housing subsidy (Section 8, JOBLink, etc.) or if the rent amount is based on a percentage of the household’s income. Not all tenants (recipients and others in their household) have a housing subsidy while living in the 236 or 221D3 project-based housing and the rental amount may not be based on a percentage of the household’s income.

- If the recipient or someone sharing the housing costs has a housing subsidy or the rental amount is based on a percentage of the household’s income, the recipient is not eligible for temporary emergency shelter benefits because of eviction from subsidized housing for nonpayment of rent.
- If the recipient or someone sharing the housing costs does not have a subsidy or the rental amount is not based on a percentage of the household’s income, the recipient, if otherwise eligible, may receive temporary emergency shelter benefits because he or she was not evicted from subsidized housing.

**Note:** While living in 236 or 221D3 housing:

- if the recipient has a subsidy or the rental amount is based on a percentage of the household’s income, the recipient is not eligible for the rent allowance;
- if the recipient does not have a subsidy or the rental amount is not based on a percentage of the household’s income, the recipient is eligible for the rent allowance.

See 106 CMR 309.040(B)(3) and 705.910.