

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE
MASSACHUSETTS COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND
NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF REGULATIONS

The Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) and the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind (MCB) propose to amend their regulations under the authority of M.G.L. c. 18, s. 10 and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, s. 3.

The Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) is promulgating regulations at 106 CMR 327.000, et seq. for the administration of the state supplement program (SSP), benefits paid in conjunction with federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments. In addition, DTA is updating its special benefit regulations (benefits paid to certain SSI recipients for moving expenses and in cases of disaster) and making technical correction to other regulatory provisions, e.g., changing “Food Stamps” to “Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program” or “SNAP.”

The Massachusetts Commission for the Blind (MCB) is promulgating regulations at 111 CMR 10.00, et seq. in which it refers individuals who are blind to DTA’s SSP regulations.

All persons desiring to submit data, views or arguments concerning these proposed actions shall file the same with the Deputy Assistant Commissioner for Policy, Program and External Relations, Department of Transitional Assistance, 600 Washington Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02111, on or before **2/13/2012**.

It is anticipated that these regulations will not go into effect before **3/30/2012**.

All persons desiring to review the current draft of the proposed actions shall request a copy in writing to the above address, in person, by phone (**617-348-8470**), Fax (**617-727-0166**), E-mail DTA.PolicyUnit@MassMail.State.MA.US or by accessing www.mass.gov/dta and www.mass.gov/mcb

DTA and MCB may adopt a revised version of the proposed actions taking into account relevant comments and any other practical alternatives which come to their attention.

By Order of the Department of Transitional Assistance

Daniel J. Curley, Commissioner

By Order of the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind

Janet LaBreck, Commissioner

1/23/2012