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# EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE (EA) FAMILY SHELTER NOTICE OF 6-MONTH LIMIT 30 DAY HARDSHIP WAIVER APPROVED

You are **APPROVED** for a hardship waiver because your family has a qualifying hardship. This waiver has been approved because you have a child who is under 6 years old. You can stay in shelter for an additional 30 days, or approximately 1 month.

### Your new termination date is [Shelter Exit Date].

**PLEASE NOTE:** If your family has already received a termination letter for a different reason, you must still follow the instructions on the termination letter. This notice does <u>not</u> remove your existing termination.

#### Your Next Steps:

Hardship waivers are not a long-term housing solution. You should work with your case manager to find a more stable housing option.

## **REMINDERS OF SUPPORT AVAILABLE:**

- We understand that moving from shelter to housing takes a lot of work. You should keep working with your case manager to prepare to leave shelter and move into stable housing.
- If you have found housing by yourself or with others and need help to pay expenses, the HomeBASE program could help. HomeBASE provides up to \$30,000 over 2 years, with the possibility of another \$15,000 over a 3rd year. If you would like to learn more, speak to your Case Manager or Housing Search Specialist or visit: www.mass.gov/homebase
- If you need support at this time, you can also call 'Call2Talk' at 508-532-2255. Call2Talk offers confidential and compassionate emotional and mental health support. It operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Translation is available.

For more information about the Length of Stay law, visit: <u>www.mass.gov/EAShelterLOS</u>. You can translate this page into many languages, by clicking on the globe icon that says "Select Language" in the blue "Menu" banner at the top of the page.

#### Sincerely,

Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing & Livable Communities

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