



**Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development  
Division of Housing Stabilization**

To: DHCD Field Staff  
From: Ita Mullarkey, Associate Director  
Date: February 3, 2016  
RE: Housing Stabilization Notice 2016-01, Implementation of Increase in the Federal Poverty Guidelines effective February 3, 2016.

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Effective February 3, 2016, the new Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG) issued pursuant to the Federal Register will be used to determine eligibility for Emergency Assistance (EA). The EA eligibility for applicants and recipients is 115 % of the Federal Poverty Guideline. This change has been programmed into ASIST. Below is the EA eligibility standard chart to use when determining eligibility.

<b>Family Size</b>	<b>115% of FPG EA Monthly Income Eligibility Standard As of 2/3/2016</b>
1	\$1,139
2	\$1,535
3	\$1,932
4	\$2,329
5	\$2,726
6	\$3,122
7	\$3,520
8	\$3,919
Add Person	\$399

This notice supersedes all prior guidance issued by the Division of Housing Stabilization in regard to maximum income limits for receipt of Emergency Assistance benefits based on then current Federal Poverty Guidelines.