



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

To: DHCD Field Staff
From: Ita Mullarkey, Associate Director
Date: September 6, 2019
RE: Housing Stabilization Notice 2019-02, Implementation of Over Income Changes effective July 1, 2019.

Effective July 1, 2019, the budget line item language for the Emergency Assistance (EA) program was amended to the following “any family whose income exceeds 200 per cent of the federal poverty level for a sustained and consecutive period of 90 days while the family is receiving assistance funded by this item shall not become ineligible for assistance due to exceeding the income limit for a period of 6 months from the date that the income level was exceeded.” Below is a chart listing what 200% of the federal poverty guidelines are to aid in determining whether a participant has become financially ineligible for EA.

Family Size	200% of FPG EA Monthly Income Eligibility Standard
1	\$2,082
2	\$2,818
3	\$3,555
4	\$4,292
5	\$5,028
6	\$5,765
7	\$6,502
8	\$7,238
Add Person	\$737

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.