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To: Department of Transitional Assistance Staff
From:  Sarah Stuart, Associate Commissioner for Change Management
Re: Cross Programs: MA Restaurant Meals Program (RMP) Launch

Overview

DTA is electing to use the state option to operate a Restaurant Meals Program (RMP) in Massachusetts. As part of program rules, only certain SNAP households will be able to participate in the RMP and purchase meals at MA RMP-approved restaurants using their SNAP benefits. SNAP households are eligible for RMP only if they have a grantee or household member who is:

- Homeless; and/or
- Federally certified as disabled; and/or
- 60 years or older

Eligible SNAP households will be automatically enrolled in the RMP and allowed to use their EBT cards at participating restaurant locations.

Any household receiving cash benefits from DTA (including combo cases) may purchase meals with their cash benefits at MA RMP-approved restaurants. If a combo case household meets the RMP eligibility criteria for SNAP households, they may use both their SNAP and cash benefits at MA RMP-approved restaurants.

DTA will implement a pilot phase rollout of the RMP in 2022. The first application period for restaurants interested in participating in the RMP will be from June 1, 2022 to August 31, 2022. Due to the time needed to select and onboard restaurants, eligible DTA households are not expected to be able to use their SNAP and/or cash benefits at RMP-approved restaurants until fall or winter of 2022.

Purpose

The purpose of this Online Guide Transmittal is to inform all staff of MA's start of RMP implementation and new OLG pages available for the RMP.

**New Online
Guide Pages**

Topic: Cross Programs
Book: Restaurant Meals Program (RMP)
Page: RMP Overview

Topic: Cross Programs
Book: Restaurant Meals Program (RMP)
Page: RMP Operations

Questions

If you have any policy or procedural questions, after conferring with the appropriate TAO personnel, please have your Systems Information Specialists or TAO management email the DTA Procedural Issues Mailbox.

Systems issues should be directed to the Systems Support Help Desk.
