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Chelsea, MA 02472

Important Notice - Read Carefully
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**SAMPLE DTA SNAP
reduction notice sent to
most households.**

Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance

Mary Jones
101 Main Street
Somerville, MA 02148

Agency ID: 9999999
EOHHS – Chelsea Center

11/XX/2013

SNAP household case number used by DTA instead of SSNs.

Notice of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Fall 2013 Benefit Changes

Dear *Mary Jones*:

Every October, the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) can change SNAP benefit amounts. In October 2013, some benefits went up slightly and some benefits did not change.

Unfortunately, all SNAP benefits will go down in November due to the end of extra funding from ARRA. ARRA is the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, also known as the Stimulus Plan.

ARRA increased funding for SNAP benefits in 2009 to help families in the economic downturn.

On November 1, 2013, the ARRA funding ends, and SNAP benefits go down for almost every household. In November 2013, your monthly SNAP benefits will go from \$XXX to \$XXX.

Old and new amount of SNAP benefits

It is possible your monthly SNAP benefits can go up if you tell your case manager about:

- Costs you pay for caring for a child or adult;
- If you are elderly or disabled, medical costs you pay that are over \$35 per month.

Go to www.masslegalservices.org/ARRA for more information on deductions

If you have questions, call DTA at 1-800-445-6604 about your benefit changes. To find emergency food in your area, please call the Project Bread's Food Source Hotline at 1-800-645-8333.

DTA Hotline will give out general information about ARRA cut may not be able to give case specific information. To report change in income or deductions, SNAP recipients should contact SNAP Case Manager directly.

**Sample SNAP reduction
notice sent to SSI recipients
on Bay State CAP SNAP
benefits.**

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Notice of Food Assistance Benefit Changes
Fall 2013

Dear *Mary Jones*:

Every October, the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) can change food assistance benefit amounts. In October 2013, food assistance benefits through Bay State CAP changed due to this adjustment.

In November, food assistance benefits will go down due to the end of extra funding from ARRA. ARRA is the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, also known as the Stimulus Plan.

ARRA increased funding for food assistance benefits in 2009 to help families in the economic downturn. **On November 1, 2013, the ARRA funding ends, and benefits go down for almost every household.** In November 2013, your monthly food assistance benefits will go from \$XXX to \$XXX.

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