



**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &  
 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

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**Housing Stabilization Notice 2009-01**

**Memorandum**

To: DHCD Field Staff  
 From: Robert Pulster, Associate Director, Division of Housing Stabilization  
 Subject: Decrease to the EA Eligibility Standard effective July 1, 2009  
 Date: July 1, 2009

Effective July 1, 2009, the EA eligibility standard for applicants has changed from 130% to 115% of the Federal Poverty Guideline. Until BEACON is updated to reflect this change, eligibility for EA will be determined manually. Please use What If on BEACON to calculate a family’s eligibility for EA.

Below is the EA eligibility standard chart to use when determining eligibility.

AU Size	115% EA Income Eligibility Standard  As of 7-1-2009
1	\$1038
2	1397
3	1755
4	2114
5	2472
6	2831
7	3189
8	3547
9	3906
10	4264
Add person	359

Additional information and procedures to follow for families currently in shelter with income that exceeds the 115% EA eligibility standard will be forthcoming.

**Remember:** Do not enter income on BEACON for any family with TAFCD and/or SNAP benefits. Notify the DTA case manager of any changes in income.