



Department of Transitional Assistance
Bay State CAP Food Assistance Benefits Statement
(For Pure SSI Households)

Name of Food Assistance Applicant	Social Security Number	Date
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SSA has determined that I may be eligible for Bay State CAP food assistance benefits. I am:

- eligible (or potentially eligible) for SSI benefits; and
- at least 18 years old; and
- not living with a spouse or children; and
- not receiving earned income; and
- residing alone or purchasing and preparing my food separately from any other people who reside at the same address.

My monthly housing cost, not including utility bills, is:

\$450 or more a month

Less than \$450 a month

I understand that I can choose to get regular food assistance benefits at any time if I would get a higher benefit amount than the Bay State CAP amount. The regular amount might be higher if I:

- Pay a higher amount for my shelter;
- Pay heating or air conditioning costs separately from my rent/mortgage;
- Pay more than \$35 a month in out-of-pocket medical expenses;
- Pay for child or adult dependent care; or
- Pay child support for a child outside my home.

I also understand that:

- I can apply for regular food assistance while waiting for a decision on my SSI application.
- If I am receiving regular food assistance when my SSI application is approved, I will be automatically switched to Bay State CAP food assistance if the benefit amount would be higher. If my regular food assistance benefit amount would be higher, I will continue to receive regular food assistance.
- If my application for SSI is denied, this constitutes a denial of my application for Bay State CAP. I may, however, be eligible for regular food assistance.

I have been told about Bay State CAP and have been given the Bay State CAP brochure, which explains my rights and responsibilities.