



**Massachusetts Department of Public Welfare**  
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JANUARY 12, 1995

TO: LOCAL OFFICE STAFF  
FROM: JOYCE SAMPSON  
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR FIELD AND ELIGIBILITY OPERATIONS  
RE: FY95 FUNDING FOR THE AFDC PROGRAM

When the FY95 State Budget was approved in July, 1994, the budget only included funding for the AFDC program through February, 1995. As of this date, there has been no action to extend this funding beyond February, 1995 and based on the rate of expenditures so far this fiscal year, the AFDC account will be exhausted by February 15, 1995. As a result of this situation, it is necessary to notify AFDC recipients of the possibility of no AFDC checks beyond February 15, 1995.

EAEDC and RRP recipients are not impacted by this potential lack of funding. AFDC recipients' eligibility for Food Stamps and Medicaid will continue.

Additional notices will be sent to recipients if this situation changes or the funding is exhausted without further action on the funding. Vendors will also be notified about the AFDC funding issue.

Attachment A is a copy of the first notice to be sent to recipients during the second check cycle in January, 1995. This notice will go to all cash assistance recipients with a disclaimer for EAEDC and RRP recipients.

Although the notice has an 800 number for recipients to call if there are questions, many calls will come to the local office. These questions should be answered at the local office. Your director will provide you with information regarding anticipated questions and answers. Do not simply refer the recipient to the 800 number.

We will keep you informed about any developments in this situation.

Attachment A

January, 1995

Dear AFDC Participant:

As you may be aware, current funding for the AFDC program will last until February 15, 1995 unless legislation is enacted extending AFDC payments. It is our hope and expectation that legislation will be enacted, thus avoiding the interruption of your benefits. Should legislation not be enacted, your first check in February will be the last check which you will receive until funding is restored. Your eligibility for Food Stamps and Medicaid will continue.

We hope that this matter will be resolved promptly. If you have any questions, please call 1-800-249-2007.

If you are an EAEDC or RRP recipient please disregard this notice because there is sufficient funding in those programs.

Sincerely,

Joseph Gallant  
Commissioner