



PUBLIC BENEFITS ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST

Applicant: _____ **CAS/CM:** _____

Household Size: _____ **Monthly Household Income:** _____ **Date:** _____

Programs	Eligible	Assistance Requested to Apply?
EAEDC		
Supplemental Security Income - SSI		
Veteran's Service (VS)		
Mass Relay and Mass EDP		
Fuel Assistance		
Citizens Energy		
Good Neighbor Energy Fund		
Utility Shutoff Protection		
SNAP (Food Stamps)		
Food Pantries		
MassHealth		
Prescription Advantage		
Medicare		
Elder Service Plans		
Senior Care Options		
Home and Community -Based Waiver		
Section 8 vouchers		
Private Subsidized Housing		
Public Housing		
Circuit Breaker Tax Credit		
Real Estate Tax Exemptions		

Client Signature: _____ **Date:** _____



Appendix-Description of Benifits	
Programs	Description
EAEDC	Emergency Aid to Elder, Disabled and Children (EAEDC) is a Massachusetts state-funded program that provide cash and medical assistance to needy families and individuals who are not receiving TAFDC, SSI, or other similar benefits.
Supplemental Security income- SSI	Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a cash assistance program for people who are 65 or older and for people of any age who are disabled or blind. SSI is for people with little income and few assets.
Veterans' Services (VS)	Veterans' Services (VS) is a program that provides cash and medical assistance to low-income Massachusetts wartime veterans and their families who are in need of immediate help.
MassRelay and MassEDP	MassEDP (Massachusetts Equipment Distribution Program) is a service for Massachusetts residents with permanent disabilities who need specialized telephone equipment. MassRelay allows people who use text-based TTY phones to have phone conversations with people who use standard phones.
Fuel Assistance	Fuel assistance, also known as the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), is a government program to help low-income families and individuals pay their heating bills during the winter.
Citizens Energy	Citizens Energy heat assistance programs help Low-income people for winter heating fuel and other energy bills. The fund is for people who are facing a short-tern financial crisis and do not qualify for other fuel assistance programs. Each utility company in Massachusetts must follow the laws and provide service to households that qualify for shutoff protection.
Good Neighbor Energy Fund	The Good Neighbor Energy Fund helps Massachusetts residents pay for winter heating fuel and other energy bills. The fund is for people who are facing a shot-term financial crisis and do not qualify for other fuel assistance programs. It is a joint effort between the gas and electric utility companies and The Salvation Army.
Utility Shutoff Protection	Massachusetts laws prevent utility companies from shutting off service to people in special situations. Each utility company in Massachusetts must follow the laws and provide service to households that qualify for shutoff protection.
SNAP (Food Stamp)	The Food Stamp Program has a new name; SNAP, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. SNAP is a government assistance



	program to help low-income households buy food. SNAP food stamps can be used to buy almost any food item in any supermarket where you usually shop for food. People who use SNAP food stamps can spend the money they save to help pay their other bills.
Food Pantries	The Food Pantries are places where people in need can go to get free wholesome uncooked food to take home with them to prepare. Free meals programs, such as soup kitchens, are places where people can go to eat cooked meals free of charge.
MassHealth	MassHealth is a public health insurance program for eligible low and medium-income residents of Massachusetts. MassHealth is the name used in Massachusetts for Medicaid.
Prescription Advantage	Prescription Advantage is a state-sponsored prescription drug insurance plan for Massachusetts seniors and disabled residents. For people on Medicare. Prescription Advantage helps pay Part D Description Drug Plan cost.
Medicare	Medicare is a national health insurance program for people who are 65 or older, certain people under 65 with disabilities, and people with end-stage renal disease (permanent KIDNEY FAILURE).
Elder Service Plans	Elder Service Plans are part of PACE (Programs of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly). These plans provide comprehensive medical and social services to frail elders so that they can live their communities instead of in nursing homes.
Senior Care Options	Senior Care Options is a partnership between MassHealth and Medicare that provides a complete package of health care and social services for low-income seniors.
Home and Community Based Waiver	The Home and Community-Based Services Waiver (BCHS) is a program for low-income Massachusetts residents who qualify for nursing facility or other institutional care but want to live at home.
Section 8 Vouchers	Section 8, MRVP, and AHVP tenant-based vouchers are rent vouchers that let people choose their own housing anywhere they want to live. They are different from project-based Vouchers and public housing, where people have to live in particular housing development. Families with tenant-based vouchers can choose any apartment they want, as long as the rent is reasonable, and the unit is safe and clean. If the family moves, the rental assistance goes with them.
Private Subsidized Housing	Private affordable housing is low rent housing for people with limited incomes, including families, elders, and people with disabilities. The housing is owned and managed privately, not by government agencies. The government gives grants, tax credits, or other types of funding to private non-profit or for-profit housing developers. In return, the housing developers charge lower rents to eligible households.

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