



## Documents Needed to Apply for SNAP Benefits

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- **Proof of Identity** *Driver's license, passport, Social Security card or birth certificate*
- **Social Security Number (SSN)** *Required for all members in your household that are applying for food stamps*
- **Proof of Massachusetts Residency** *Driver's license, utility bill or tax forms*

### ONLY IF APPLICABLE:

- **Earned Income** *Pay stubs showing your earnings before taxes from the last four weeks or a letter from your employer*
- **Other Income** *Proof of Social Security payments, unemployment, pension, Workers' Compensation, and/or child support*
- **Self-employment Income** *Most recent tax forms or business records for the last three months*
- **Rental Income** *If you get paid by someone who rents a room or apartment from you, a copy of the lease agreements or statement from your tenant showing the amount of rent paid*
- **Non-citizen Status** *Only if you are not a U.S. citizen (green card or immigration papers)*
- **Assets** *Asset information may be required for certain elderly/disabled households*

### VERIFICATIONS THAT WILL HELP YOU GET MORE BENEFITS:

The more information you provide, the more SNAP benefits you are likely to receive.

- **Rent Housing Costs** *Submit your current lease, or rent receipt or a letter from your landlord*
- **Homeowner Housing Costs** *Submit a mortgage statement, proof of property taxes, and home owners insurance*
- **Utilities** *Heat/air conditioning, electric, gas, and/or telephone bills*
- **Medical Expenses** *(only if you or someone in your household is over 60 years old and/or disabled and receiving a disability-based benefits)  
Payments for health insurance, co-payment receipts, transportation costs to doctor appointments or pharmacy, medication (over the counter and prescription)*
- **Child Support Payments** *Proof of court-ordered payment*
- **Child or Adult Care Expenses** *Program fees and transportation costs*