

## Verifications Needed to Apply for SNAP:

- **Proof of Identity:** license, state ID or birth certificate
- **Social Security Number (SSN)**
- **Proof that you live in Massachusetts:** driver's license, or utility bill, or tax forms
- **Non-citizen status:** green card or immigration papers (only if you are not a U.S. citizen).

### Income Guidelines (for seniors & disabled persons)

If your monthly income is below the following limits, there is no asset test:

**\$1,945 for a HOUSEHOLD of ONE**

**\$2,622 for a HOUSEHOLD of TWO**

If your monthly income exceeds these levels, you will have to pass an asset test.

### Verifications for Income:

- **Earned income:** pay stubs from the last four weeks or a letter from your employer.
- **Other income:** proof of Social Security income (statement or bank statement), 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 agreement or statement from your tenant showing the amount of rent paid.

There are some other documents that might help you get more benefits, for example, information on costs related to:

- **Housing** (*mortgage statement, tax bill, home insurance, rent receipt*)
- **Utilities** (*most recent bill*)
- **Medical expenses** (*health insurance premiums, pharmacy printouts, hospital bills, over the counter medication receipts, dental care, eyeglasses, transportation costs to obtain medical treatment etc.*)
- **Child support and/or child or adult care.**

We can answer your questions about any of the required verifications and help you submit these documents; call The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts at: **1-800-247-9632.**