

Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled & Children (EAEDC)

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How can EAEDC help me?

Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled & Children (EAEDC) is a program administered by the Massachusetts (MA) Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) that provides cash and medical assistance to certain categories of individuals in MA.

Who qualifies for EAEDC?

To be eligible for EAEDC you must:

- Have a disability, or
- Be age 65 or older, or
- Be caring for an individual with a disability who would otherwise be institutionalized, and
- Have countable assets worth less than \$250.

The disability standards for EAEDC are not as strict as Social Security. They include having a condition that lasts at least 60 days, and being unable to support yourself through work.

How much are EAEDC monthly benefits?

To be eligible for an EAEDC monthly benefit, your countable monthly income must be less than what you are entitled to, which is based largely on your living situation and marital status.

[Check EAEDC eligibility and how to apply | Mass.gov](#)

What kind of income does NOT impact EAEDC?

Some income will NOT impact EAEDC monthly benefits, such as housing subsidies, most cash gifts, fuel assistance, and the income of anyone who lives with you, if you are not married.

Are there other benefits tied to EAEDC?

Yes. Once approved for EAEDC, you will receive MassHealth (Medicaid) coverage as well as SNAP

(Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits (formerly known as Food Stamps).

How can I apply for EAEDC benefits?

You can apply at your local DTA office or online at [DTA Connect Website](#). You must sign the application at that time. If eligible, your benefits will begin from the date you signed.

Will work impact my EAEDC benefits?

Yes. To figure out your monthly cash benefits, DTA will determine your gross monthly income (before taxes), based on whether you are paid weekly or biweekly. Once determined, DTA will disregard the first \$90 of your gross monthly income; any earnings over that will reduce your EAEDC benefits \$1 for every \$1 you earn from work for the month.

Note: If you have dependent care costs for a disabled adult or child, you can deduct a portion of these costs from your work income.

Do I have to report my work income?

Yes. You must report any income changes right away to DTA to avoid overpayments, which must be paid back to the state. This is critical, so you don't jeopardize your eligibility for future benefits, should you need them.

For more info on EAEDC, visit or call:

[Economic Assistance \(cash benefits\) | Mass.gov](#)

DTA Assistance Toll-Free Line 1-877-382-2363

For more information about
Work Without Limits Benefits Counseling
call toll-free (1-877-937-9675)

or visit

[WorkWithoutLimits.org](https://www.workwithoutlimits.org)