

**MTF October 2020 Meeting
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Net Call Q&A
October 22 & 29, 2020**

Q1. What is considered a disabled person? Is it only the ones that receive SSDI, SSI, etc.? Or could the person be considered disabled if he/she is not receiving any monetary compensation? For example, MassHealth considered someone disabled w/ no income through SSA or other sources.

A1. To be determined disabled for SNAP, the individual must have a permanent disability. Typically, these are persons:

- receiving SSI for being disabled or blind;
- receiving Social Security Disability;
- receiving veterans benefits for total disability;
- receiving MassHealth due to disability; and
- receiving disability retirement benefits from a governmental agency because of a disability considered permanent under the Social Security Act; receiving Railroad Retirement disability annuity from the Railroad Retirement Board.

Q2. What do you do if you suspect that someone is knowingly lying about their residency? The parent is visiting from out of the country the child is born here and will be leaving the country with the child and will not return until a few months later or the following year. Who do we notify?

A2. To report fraud online go to: <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/report-snap-or-economic-assistance-cash-benefits-fraud> or call: 800-372-8399