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**SUBJECT:** SNAP – Fiscal Year 2020 Cost-of-Living Adjustments

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**TO:** All Regional Directors  
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

This memorandum provides the fiscal year (FY) 2020 Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA) to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program maximum allotments, income eligibility standards, and deductions. Under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 COLAs are effective as of October 1, 2019.

Attached are FY 2020 COLAs for the 48 contiguous States and D.C., Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Maximum allotments will increase for the 48 States and D.C., Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Alaska. For a family of four receiving a maximum allotment in the 48 States and D.C., benefits will be \$646. Maximum allotments for Hawaii will decrease slightly to \$1,189 for a family of four. The minimum benefit for the 48 States and D.C. will increase to \$16.

The shelter cap value increased by \$17 to \$569 for the 48 States and D.C. The shelter cap values for Alaska, Hawaii, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands also increased. The minimum standard deduction for household sizes 1 through 3 increased to \$167 a month for the 48 States and D.C. Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands also experienced increases in their standard deduction amounts.

The resource limit for households will remain unchanged for the 48 States and the District of Columbia, Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands at \$2,250. The resource limit for households where at least one person is age 60 or older, or is disabled, will also remain unchanged at \$3,500.

Regional Offices should ensure that their States are apprised of these changes. State agencies with questions regarding these adjustments should contact their respective Regional Office representatives. Regional Office staff with questions should contact Sasha Gersten-Paal at [Sasha.Gersten-Paal@usda.gov](mailto:Sasha.Gersten-Paal@usda.gov).

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Attachment

**SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
INCOME ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS  
OCTOBER 1, 2019 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2020**

**Net Monthly Income Eligibility Standards  
(100 Percent of Poverty Level)**

<b>Household Size</b>	<b>48 States, DC, Guam, Virgin Islands</b>	<b>Alaska</b>	<b>Hawaii</b>
1	\$1,041	\$1,300	\$1,199
2	\$1,410	\$1,761	\$1,622
3	\$1,778	\$2,222	\$2,045
4	\$2,146	\$2,683	\$2,469
5	\$2,515	\$3,144	\$2,892
6	\$2,883	\$3,605	\$3,315
7	\$3,251	\$4,065	\$3,739
8	\$3,620	\$4,526	\$4,162
Each additional member	\$369	\$461	\$424

**Gross Monthly Income Eligibility Standards  
(130 Percent of Poverty Level)**

<b>Household Size</b>	<b>48 States, DC, Guam, Virgin Islands</b>	<b>Alaska</b>	<b>Hawaii</b>
1	\$1,354	\$1,690	\$1,558
2	\$1,832	\$2,290	\$2,109
3	\$2,311	\$2,889	\$2,659
4	\$2,790	\$3,488	\$3,209
5	\$3,269	\$4,087	\$3,760
6	\$3,748	\$4,686	\$4,310
7	\$4,227	\$5,285	\$4,860
8	\$4,705	\$5,884	\$5,411
Each additional member	\$479	\$600	\$551

**Gross Monthly Income Eligibility Standards for Households  
Where Elderly Disabled Are a Separate Household  
(165 Percent of Poverty Level)**

<b>Household Size</b>	<b>48 States, DC, Guam, Virgin Islands</b>	<b>Alaska</b>	<b>Hawaii</b>
1	\$1,718	\$2,145	\$1,978
2	\$2,326	\$2,906	\$2,676
3	\$2,933	\$3,666	\$3,375
4	\$3,541	\$4,427	\$4,073
5	\$4,149	\$5,187	\$4,772
6	\$4,757	\$5,947	\$5,470
7	\$5,364	\$6,708	\$6,169
8	\$5,972	\$7,468	\$6,867
Each additional member	\$608	\$761	\$699

**SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
MAXIMUM MONTHLY ALLOTMENTS  
OCTOBER 1, 2019 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2020**

**Maximum SNAP Allotments for 48 States and D.C.**

<b>Household Size</b>	<b>48 States and DC</b>
1	\$194
2	\$355
3	\$509
4	\$646
5	\$768
6	\$921
7	\$1,018
8	\$1,164
Each additional person	\$146

**Maximum SNAP Allotments for Guam**

<b>Household Size</b>	<b>Guam</b>
1	\$285
2	\$524
3	\$750
4	\$953
5	\$1,131
6	\$1,358
7	\$1,501
8	\$1,715
Each additional person	\$214

**Maximum SNAP Allotments for U.S. Virgin Islands**

<b>Household Size</b>	<b>Virgin Islands</b>
1	\$249
2	\$457
3	\$654
4	\$831
5	\$987
6	\$1,184
7	\$1,309
8	\$1,496
Each additional person	\$187

**Maximum SNAP Allotments for Alaska**

Household Size	Alaska		
	Urban	Rural 1	Rural 2
1	\$238	\$304	\$370
2	\$437	\$558	\$679
3	\$627	\$799	\$973
4	\$796	\$1,015	\$1,235
5	\$945	\$1,205	\$1,467
6	\$1,134	\$1,447	\$1,761
7	\$1,254	\$1,599	\$1,946
8	\$1,433	\$1,827	\$2,224
Each additional person	\$179	\$228	\$278

**Maximum SNAP Allotments for Hawaii**

Household Size	Hawaii
1	\$356
2	\$654
3	\$936
4	\$1,189
5	\$1,412
6	\$1,695
7	\$1,873
8	\$2,141
Each additional person	\$268

**MINIMUM SNAP ALLOTMENTS  
OCTOBER 1, 2019 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2020**

Household Size	48 States and DC	Guam	U.S. Virgin Islands	Alaska			Hawaii
				Urban	Rural 1	Rural 2	
1 - 2	\$16	\$23	\$20	\$19	\$24	\$30	\$29

**SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
DEDUCTIONS  
OCTOBER 1, 2019 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2020**

**Standard Deductions**

Area	Household Size				
	1-2	3	4	5	6+
48 States and DC	\$167	\$167	\$178	\$209	\$240
Alaska	\$286	\$286	\$286	\$286	\$300
Hawaii	\$236	\$236	\$236	\$240	\$275
Guam	\$336	\$336	\$357	\$418	\$479
Virgin Islands	\$147	\$148	\$178	\$209	\$240

**Maximum Shelter Deductions**

Area	Maximum Amount
48 States and DC	\$569
Alaska	\$908
Hawaii	\$766
Guam	\$667
Virgin Islands	\$448

**Maximum Homeless Shelter Deductions**

Area	Maximum Amount
48 States and DC	\$152.06
Alaska	\$152.06
Hawaii	\$152.06
Guam	\$152.06
Virgin Islands	\$152.06

**SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
MAXIMUM ASSET LIMITS  
OCTOBER 1, 2019 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2020**

Household Type	Maximum Amount
Households with at least one member who is age 60 or older or is disabled*	\$3,500
All other households	\$2,250

\*The asset limit for elderly or disabled households also serves as the threshold for substantial lottery or gambling winnings.

**SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
Threshold for Required Reporting of Changes in Household Income\*  
OCTOBER 1, 2019 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2020**

Area	Reporting Requirement Threshold
48 States and DC	\$100
Alaska	\$100
Hawaii	\$100
Guam	\$100
Virgin Islands	\$100

\*Applies only to households assigned to change reporting.