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SUBJECT: SNAP – Fiscal Year 2019 Cost-of-Living Adjustments

TO: All Regional Directors  
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

This memorandum provides the fiscal year (FY) 2019 Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA) to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) maximum allotments, income eligibility standards, and deductions. Under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 COLAs are effective as of October 1, 2018.

Attached are FY 2019 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, benefits will be \$642. Maximum allotments for Hawaii decreased to \$1,193 for FY 2019. The minimum benefit for the 48 States and D.C., Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands did not change and will remain \$15.

The shelter cap values increased by \$17 to \$552 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 \$164 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 for certain household sizes.

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@fns.usda.gov](mailto:Sasha.Gersten-Paal@fns.usda.gov).

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**SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
INCOME ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS  
OCTOBER 1, 2018 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2019**

**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	\$1,012	\$1,265	\$1,164
2	\$1,372	\$1,715	\$1,578
3	\$1,732	\$2,165	\$1,992
4	\$2,092	\$2,615	\$2,406
5	\$2,452	\$3,065	\$2,820
6	\$2,812	\$3,515	\$3,235
7	\$3,172	\$3,965	\$3,649
8	\$3,532	\$4,415	\$4,063
Each additional member	\$360	\$450	\$415

**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	\$1,316	\$1,645	\$1,513
2	\$1,784	\$2,230	\$2,051
3	\$2,252	\$2,815	\$2,590
4	\$2,720	\$3,400	\$3,128
5	\$3,188	\$3,985	\$3,666
6	\$3,656	\$4,570	\$4,205
7	\$4,124	\$5,155	\$4,743
8	\$4,592	\$5,740	\$5,282
Each additional member	\$468	\$585	\$539

**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	\$1,670	\$2,088	\$1,920
2	\$2,264	\$2,830	\$2,603
3	\$2,858	\$3,573	\$3,287
4	\$3,452	\$4,315	\$3,970
5	\$4,046	\$5,058	\$4,653
6	\$4,640	\$5,800	\$5,337
7	\$5,234	\$6,543	\$6,020
8	\$5,828	\$7,285	\$6,704
Each additional member	\$594	\$743	\$684

**SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
MAXIMUM MONTHLY ALLOTMENTS  
OCTOBER 1, 2018 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2019**

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

Household Size	48 States and DC
1	\$192
2	\$353
3	\$505
4	\$642
5	\$762
6	\$914
7	\$1,011
8	\$1,155
Each additional person	\$144

**Maximum SNAP Allotments for Guam**

Household Size	Guam
1	\$283
2	\$520
3	\$745
4	\$946
5	\$1,123
6	\$1,348
7	\$1,490
8	\$1,703
Add on	\$213

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

Household Size	Virgin Islands
1	\$247
2	\$454
3	\$650
4	\$825
5	\$980
6	\$1,176
7	\$1,300
8	\$1,485
Add on	\$186

**Maximum SNAP Allotments for Alaska**

Household Size	Alaska		
	Urban	Rural 1	Rural 2
1	\$232	\$295	\$360
2	\$425	\$542	\$660
3	\$609	\$776	\$945
4	\$773	\$986	\$1,200
5	\$918	\$1,171	\$1,425
6	\$1,102	\$1,405	\$1,711
7	\$1,218	\$1,553	\$1,891
8	\$1,392	\$1,775	\$2,161
Add on	\$174	\$222	\$270

**Maximum SNAP Allotments for Hawaii**

Household Size	Hawaii
1	\$358
2	\$656
3	\$940
4	\$1,193
5	\$1,417
6	\$1,701
7	\$1,880
8	\$2,148
Add on	\$269

**MINIMUM SNAP ALLOTMENTS  
OCTOBER 1, 2018 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2019**

Household Size	48 States and DC	Guam	U.S. Virgin Islands	Alaska			Hawaii
				Urban	Rural 1	Rural 2	
1 – 2	\$15	\$23	\$20	\$19	\$24	\$29	\$29

**SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
DEDUCTIONS  
OCTOBER 1, 2018 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2019**

**Standard Deductions**

Area	Household Size				
	1 -2	3	4	5	6+
48 States and DC	\$164	\$164	\$174	\$204	\$234
Alaska	\$281	\$281	\$281	\$281	\$292
Hawaii	\$232	\$232	\$232	\$234	\$269
Guam	\$331	\$331	\$348	\$408	\$467
Virgin Islands	\$145	\$145	\$174	\$204	\$234

**Maximum Shelter Deductions**

<b>Area</b>	<b>Maximum Amount</b>
48 States and DC	\$552
Alaska	\$881
Hawaii	\$743
Guam	\$647
Virgin Islands	\$435

**SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
MAXIMUM ASSET LIMITS  
OCTOBER 1, 2018 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2019**

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