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SUBJECT: SNAP – Fiscal Year 2016 Cost-of-Living Adjustments

TO: All Regional Directors  
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

This memorandum provides the fiscal year (FY) 2016 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, as amended, COLAs are effective as of October 1, 2015.

Attached are FY 2016 COLAs for the 48 contiguous States and D.C., Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Maximum allotments will remain unchanged for the 48 States and D.C., Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. For a family of four receiving a maximum allotment, benefits will continue to be \$649. Maximum allotments will increase for Alaska and Hawaii.

The shelter cap values increased by \$14 to \$504 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 is unchanged at \$155 a month for the 48 States and D.C. Hawaii, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands experienced increases in their standard deduction amounts for larger households. The minimum standard deduction for household sizes 1 through 5 in Alaska will decrease by \$1 to \$265.

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 remain unchanged at \$3,250.

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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Attachment(s)

**SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
OCTOBER 1, 2015 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

**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	\$981	\$1,227	\$1,130
2	\$1,328	\$1,660	\$1,528
3	\$1,675	\$2,094	\$1,926
4	\$2,021	\$2,527	\$2,325
5	\$2,368	\$2,960	\$2,723
6	\$2,715	\$3,394	\$3,121
7	\$3,061	\$3,827	\$3,520
8	\$3,408	\$4,260	\$3,918
Each additional member	\$347	\$434	\$399

**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	\$1,276	\$1,595	\$1,468
2	\$1,726	\$2,158	\$1,986
3	\$2,177	\$2,722	\$2,504
4	\$2,628	\$3,285	\$3,022
5	\$3,078	\$3,848	\$3,540
6	\$3,529	\$4,412	\$4,058
7	\$3,980	\$4,975	\$4,575
8	\$4,430	\$5,538	\$5,093
Each additional member	\$451	\$564	\$518

**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	\$1,619	\$2,024	\$1,864
2	\$2,191	\$2,739	\$2,521
3	\$2,763	\$3,454	\$3,178
4	\$3,335	\$4,169	\$3,835
5	\$3,907	\$4,884	\$4,493
6	\$4,479	\$5,599	\$5,150
7	\$5,051	\$6,314	\$5,807
8	\$5,623	\$7,029	\$6,464
Each additional member	\$572	\$715	\$658

**SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
MAXIMUM MONTHLY ALLOTMENTS  
OCTOBER 1, 2015 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

**MAXIMUM SNAP ALLOTMENTS**

<b>Household Size</b>	<b>48 States and DC</b>
1	\$194
2	\$357
3	\$511
4	\$649
5	\$771
6	\$925
7	\$1,022
8	\$1,169
Each additional person	\$146

<b>Household Size</b>	<b>Guam</b>
1	\$287
2	\$526
3	\$753
4	\$957
5	\$1,136
6	\$1,364
7	\$1,507
8	\$1,723
Add on	\$215

<b>Household Size</b>	<b>Virgin Islands</b>
1	\$250
2	\$459
3	\$657
4	\$835
5	\$991
6	\$1,189
7	\$1,315
8	\$1,503
Add on	\$188

<b>Household Size</b>	<b>Alaska</b>		
	<b>Urban</b>	<b>Rural 1</b>	<b>Rural 2</b>
1	\$237	\$302	\$368
2	\$435	\$554	\$675
3	\$622	\$794	\$966
4	\$790	\$1,008	\$1,227
5	\$939	\$1,197	\$1,457
6	\$1,127	\$1,437	\$1,749
7	\$1,245	\$1,588	\$1,933
8	\$1,423	\$1,815	\$2,209
Add on	\$178	\$227	\$276

Household Size	Hawaii
1	\$343
2	\$630
3	\$902
4	\$1,146
5	\$1,361
6	\$1,633
7	\$1,805
8	\$2,063
Add on	\$258

**MINIMUM SNAP ALLOTMENTS  
OCTOBER 1, 2015 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

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	\$29	\$28

**SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
DEDUCTIONS  
OCTOBER 1, 2015 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

**STANDARD DEDUCTIONS**

Area	Household Size				
	1 -2	3	4	5	6+
48 States and DC	155	155	168	197	226
Alaska	265	265	265	265	282
Hawaii	219	219	219	226	259
Guam	312	312	336	394	451
Virgin Islands	137	139	168	197	226

**MAXIMUM SHELTER DEDUCTIONS**

Area	Maximum Amount
48 States and DC	504
Alaska	805
Hawaii	679
Guam	592
Virgin Islands	397