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SUBJECT: Upstate and NYC – Updated Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
(SNAP) Standards for October 2018

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

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In compliance with federal requirements 7 CFR 273.9(a)(3), effective October 1, 2018, the SNAP standards will be as follows:

The standard deduction amounts that will be used in the annual SNAP mass re-budgeting for October 1, 2018:

Household Size	Standard Deduction
1	\$164
2	\$164
3	\$164
4	\$174
5	\$204
6+	\$234

The minimum allotment for one and two-person households will remain unchanged at \$15.

Maximum Excess Shelter Deductions: \$552 (increase)
Homeless Shelter Deduction: \$143 (unchanged)
Boarder/Lodger Exclusion: \$192 (unchanged) for 1 person or \$353 (increase)
for 2 persons

The new Federal Poverty Limit (FPL) thresholds are as follows:

Household size	200% of FPL *	165% of FPL **	150% of FPL ***	Maximum Gross Monthly Income 130% of FPL	Maximum Net Monthly Income 100% of FPL	Maximum Allotment
1	\$2,023	\$1,670	\$1,518	\$1,316	\$1,012	\$192
2	\$2,743	\$2,264	\$2,058	\$1,784	\$1,372	\$353
3	\$3,463	\$2,858	\$2,598	\$2,252	\$1,732	\$505
4	\$4,183	\$3,452	\$3,138	\$2,720	\$2,092	\$642
5	\$4,903	\$4,046	\$3,678	\$3,188	\$2,452	\$762
6	\$5,623	\$4,640	\$4,218	\$3,656	\$2,812	\$914
7	\$6,343	\$5,234	\$4,758	\$4,124	\$3,172	\$1011
8	\$7,063	\$5,828	\$5,298	\$4,592	\$3,532	\$1155
Each Add'l Member	+\$720	+\$594	\$540	+\$468	+\$360	+\$144

*SNAP households containing any aged or disabled members, and households that pay out-of-pocket dependent care costs, that pass the 200% FPL gross income test and do not contain a SNAP-sanctioned or an Intentional Program Violation (IPV) member are categorically eligible for SNAP, meaning that such households are not subject to a resource test, and that such households of one or two persons are, minimally, eligible to receive the \$15 minimum allotment for households of one or two persons.

**Elderly (60 years of age or older) or household members (and their spouses) who are incapable of buying food or preparing meals due to a disability may apply as a separate food unit if the income of the others with whom the individual resides (excluding the income of the elderly and disabled individual and his/her spouse) do not exceed the 165% FPL amount.

***SNAP households with **earned** income budgeted for the purpose of determining SNAP eligibility and benefit amount that **do not** contain a household member that is sanctioned or disqualified for an Intentional Program Violation (IPV), failure to comply with work rules or voluntary job quit, that **do not** contain an aged or disabled member, and that **do not** pay out-of-pocket dependent care costs, must pass the 150% FPL gross income test.

It should be noted that, per USDA rules, all households of three or more people, after the applicable Gross and/or Net Income Test(s) are passed, must have their monthly Net Income calculate out to a positive SNAP Allotment to be eligible to receive benefits.

There will be an **increase** to the amounts of the Heating/Air Conditioning Standard Utility Allowance (“HT/AC” SUA in Upstate ABEL) as well as the Utility SUA (UTIL in Upstate ABEL), and “Combined Heat/Utility/Phone SUA” in NYC ABEL) as well as the Utility (UTIL) SUA (“Limited Utility Allowance” or “LUA” in NYC ABEL). The Phone SUA will remain unchanged:

Geographic Area	HT/AC SUA	UTIL SUA	PHONE SUA
NYC	\$800	\$316	\$30
Nassau & Suffolk	\$744	\$292	\$30
Rest of State	\$661	\$268	\$30

NOTE: The SUA values other than the Phone SUA include amounts for water, sewage and trash collection.

NYSNIP BENEFITS MATRIX BY SHELTER TYPES
 Effective 10/01/18 – 09/30/19

HOUSEHOLD		SNAP/FOOD STAMP MONTHLY BENEFIT		
		New York	Nassau/Suffo	Upstate
Shelter Type 94 (High Shelter/SUA)	SSI Only	\$192	\$192	\$192
	Other Income	\$192	\$192	\$192
Shelter Type 95 (Low Shelter/SUA)	SSI Only	\$192	\$187	\$162
	Other Income	\$192	\$178	\$153
Shelter Type 96 (High Shelter/ SUA/\$21)	SSI Only	\$192	\$192	\$192
	Other Income	\$192	\$192	\$192
Shelter Type 96 (High Shelter/ No SUA)	SSI Only	\$19	\$19	\$19
	Other Income	\$15	\$15	\$15
Shelter Type 97 (Low Shelter/ SUA/\$21)	SSI Only	\$192	\$187	\$162
	Other Income	\$192	\$178	\$153
Shelter Type 97 (Low Shelter/ No SUA)	SSI Only	\$15	\$15	\$15
	Other Income	\$15	\$15	\$15
Shelter Type 98 (No Shelter or SUA)	SSI Only	\$15	\$15	\$15
	Other Income	\$15	\$15	\$15

All SNAP households will be sent laser letter notification to inform them that depending on their household’s individual circumstances, the amount of their monthly SNAP benefit may not change, may decrease or increase, as a result of these changes. A sample copy of the Upstate and NYC laser letter is attached.

Please note there is no Public Notice Poster for the October 1, 2018 changes.