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Employment Coordinators, WMS Coordinators, MA
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SUBJECT: Updated Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Standards for
October 2018 LDSS-5006 *Notice to all SNAP Recipients*

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

CONTACT PERSON: SNAP Questions – SNAP Bureau (518) 473-1469

In addition to the laser letters already mailed to SNAP recipients, all social services districts (districts) must display the LDSS-5006 *Notice to all SNAP Recipients* (copy attached) outlining the updated SNAP standards for October 1, 2018. The LDSS-5006 must be displayed in English and Spanish near the Poster Pub. 4842, "If you need an Interpreter" in reception and lobby areas in all district offices serving SNAP applicants and recipients and displayed in a manner reasonably expected to be seen by individuals until December 31, 2018.

I. Forms Ordering Information

- The revised English and Spanish of the LDSS-5006: "*Notice to all SNAP Recipients*" is a Web Only form. This form is also available on the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) Intranet website in the following languages: Arabic, Chinese, Haitian-Creole, Italian, Korean, Russian and Spanish.
- To access the English and other than English languages go to the OTDA Intranet website at: http://otda.state.nyenet/ldss_eforms/default.htm.
- The above referenced document has been posted on the OTDA Intranet website at http://otda.state.nyenet/ldss_eforms/default.htm and is available for downloading by local districts for reproduction locally.
- Upon the release of this GIS, all previous versions, including other than English languages of the "*Notice to all SNAP Recipients*" **must immediately be destroyed** and replaced with the revised 9/18 version.
- This document is a Web posted only form. Therefore, it is only available online and is not available in hard copy from OTDA.



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- Questions concerning Web posted only forms should be directed to BMS Document Services at (518) 474-9522.

Notice to all SNAP Recipients

Important! Please Read!

Beginning October 1, 2018, some items used to figure the amount of SNAP benefits a household gets will change. These changes are a result of **federally-required** changes to the following standards and deductions.

The Standard Deduction for households of one to three persons will increase by \$4, from \$160 to \$164.

The Standard Deduction for households of four persons will increase by \$4, from \$170 to \$174.

The Standard Deduction for households of five persons will increase by \$5, from \$199 to \$204.

The Standard Deduction for households of six or more persons will increase by \$6, from \$228 to \$234.

The SNAP Maximum Excess Shelter Deduction will increase by \$17, from \$535 to \$552.

The new Standard Utility Allowance (SUA) amounts, as of October 1, 2018 are:

	New York City		Nassau / Suffolk		Rest of State	
	Old SUA	New SUA	Old SUA	New SUA	Old SUA	New SUA
Heating / Air Conditioning	\$791	\$800	\$736	\$744	\$654	\$661
Basic Utility SUA	\$313	\$316	\$289	\$292	\$265	\$268
Phone SUA	\$30 (Unchanged for all Counties)					

(Note: SUA values other than the Phone SUA include amounts for water, sewage and trash collection.)

These changes may affect the amount of SNAP benefits you get. Depending on your individual circumstance the amount of your monthly SNAP benefit may not change or it may decrease or increase as a result of these changes.

The "Thrifty Food Plan" (TFP) is the maximum amount of SNAP benefits, per household size. Beginning October 1, 2018, the maximum amounts of SNAP benefits per household size will increase for households with more than one member. The new TFP amounts will be:

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Maximum Allotment	\$192	\$353	\$505	\$642	\$762	\$914	\$1,011	\$1,155

Each additional household member add \$144.00

The minimum SNAP benefit amount that a one or two person household can receive, \$15.00 per month, will not change.

The State Regulations which allow us to do this are 18 NYCRR 358-3.3(e)(1)(i), 387.10, 387.12 and 387.15.

Reporting Rules:

Most SNAP households with income only have to report changes every six months. Every six months, you either will be asked to recertify, or will be mailed a form for you to use to report changes. **The one exception to this rule is if your household's gross monthly income becomes more than 130% of the federal poverty level.** Your gross income includes all income any member of your household receives during the calendar month before taxes and other deductions are taken out.

See Chart below: The dollar amount shown under your household's size shows the new 130% of poverty income limit for your household, as of October 1, 2018. If your household's gross monthly income becomes more than this amount, you must report the new, higher income amount to your social services office by phone, in writing, or in person within 10 days after the end of the month.

Report Household Gross Income Over Income Limits Below Based on Your Household Size:										
HOUSEHOLD SIZE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Report if Gross Household Income Goes	\$1,316	\$1,784	\$2,252	\$2,720	\$3,188	\$3,656	\$4,124	\$4,592	\$5,060	\$5,528

The reduction to your SNAP benefits is a federally-mandated mass change to SNAP benefits amounts. Pursuant to federal regulations at 7 CFR 271.7(f), there is no right to a fair hearing to dispute this reduction. If you think we made a mistake in figuring your October SNAP benefits due to above noted changes, you may ask for a state fair hearing, *within 90 days of when your October 2018 SNAP benefits become available*. You can ask for a fair hearing by writing to: Office of Administration Hearings, New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, P.O. Box 1930, Albany New York 12201; Faxing (518) 473-6735; on-line by requesting a form at: <http://www.otda.ny.gov/oah/forms.asp>; or by calling toll free: 1-800-342-3334.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE: If you think that you need a lawyer to assist you with this problem, you may be able to get a lawyer at no cost to you by contacting your local Legal Aid Society or other legal advocate group.

Aviso a Todos los Beneficiarios de SNAP

IMPORTANTE - LÉALO

Comenzando el 1º de octubre de 2018, habrá cambios en algunos de los factores que se usan para determinar la cantidad del subsidio SNAP que las unidades familiares reciben. Estas modificaciones son el resultado de cambios **requeridos por el gobierno federal** en los siguientes estándares y deducciones.

La deducción estándar para unidades familiares de una a tres personas aumentará por \$4, de \$160 a \$164.

La deducción estándar para unidades familiares de cuatro personas aumentará por \$4, de \$170 a \$174.

La deducción estándar para unidades familiares de cinco personas aumentará por \$5, de \$199 a \$204.

La deducción estándar para unidades familiares de seis o más personas aumentará por \$6, de \$228 a \$234.

El monto de la Deducción Máxima por Exceso de Gastos de Vivienda para unidades familiares beneficiarias de SNAP aumentará por \$17, de \$535 a \$552.

Los nuevos montos del Subsidio Estándar de Servicios Públicos (SUA, siglas en inglés) a partir del 1º de octubre de 2018 son:

	Ciudad de Nueva York		Nassau / Suffolk		Resto del estado	
	Antiguo SUA	Nuevo SUA	Antiguo SUA	Nuevo SUA	Antiguo SUA	Nuevo SUA
Calefacción / Aire acondicionado (SUA)	\$791	\$800	\$736	\$744	\$654	\$661
Servicios públicos básicos (SUA)	\$313	\$316	\$289	\$292	\$265	\$268
Servicios telefónicos (SUA)	\$30 (sin cambio para todos los condados)					

(Nota: los valores SUA, aparte de teléfono, incluyen montos correspondientes a agua, alcantarillado y recolección de desperdicios).

Estos cambios pueden afectar el monto del subsidio SNAP que usted recibe. Según su situación en particular, el subsidio mensual de SNAP que recibe quizás no se modifique, o puede que disminuya o aumente a consecuencia de estos cambios.

El «Plan Ahorrativo de Alimentos» (TFP) es el monto máximo de subsidios SNAP según el tamaño del grupo familiar. Comenzando el 1º de octubre de 2018, el monto máximo de subsidios SNAP según el tamaño del grupo familiar aumentará para los hogares con más de un miembro de familia. Los nuevos montos TFP son:

Nº de Integrantes del Grupo Familiar	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Asignación Máxima	\$192	\$353	\$505	\$642	\$762	\$914	\$1,011	\$1,155

Por cada miembro adicional del grupo familiar agregue \$144.00

El monto mínimo de subsidio SNAP que una o dos personas pueden recibir mensualmente (\$15) no cambiará.

Según reglamentación estatal 18 NYCRR 358-3.3(e)(1)(i), 387.10, 387.12 y 387.15.

Reglas sobre informe de cambios

La mayoría de las unidades familiares que reciben SNAP y cuentan con ingresos, solamente tienen que reportar cambios cada seis meses. Cada seis meses, se le pedirá que someta una revalidación o se le enviará por correo un formulario de informe de cambios. **La única excepción a esta regla es si el monto mensual de ingresos brutos de la unidad familiar sobrepasa el 130% del índice federal de pobreza.** Su ingreso bruto se conforma de todos los ingresos que cada miembro de la unidad familiar recibe en un mes calendario antes de la deducción de impuestos y demás deducciones.

Examine el cuadro a continuación: la cantidad en dólares que se muestra debajo de la casilla que representa el número de integrantes del grupo familiar, muestra el nuevo límite de 130% del índice de pobreza correspondiente al grupo familiar a partir del 1º de octubre de 2018. Si el total mensual de ingresos brutos de su grupo familiar sobrepasa ese monto, usted debe reportar el nuevo monto del aumento en ingresos a la oficina de servicios sociales por teléfono, por escrito o en persona dentro de 10 días de finalizar el mes.

Reporte ingresos brutos del grupo familiar que sobrepasen el límite según el tamaño del grupo familiar:										
Nº DE INTEGRANTES DEL GRUPO FAMILIAR	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Reporte si el ingreso bruto del grupo familiar sobrepasa:	\$1,316	\$1,784	\$2,252	\$2,720	\$3,188	\$3,656	\$4,124	\$4,592	\$5,060	\$5,528

La reducción en sus subsidios SNAP es un cambio a nivel nacional impuesto por el gobierno federal en los montos de subsidios SNAP. Según el reglamento federal 7 CFR 271.7(f), no se concede el derecho a una audiencia imparcial con motivo de interponerse a esta reducción. Si cree que hemos cometido un error al calcular el monto del subsidio SNAP para el mes de octubre según los cambios antes mencionados, puede solicitar una audiencia imparcial estatal *dentro de 90 días contados a partir de la fecha en octubre de 2018 cuando el subsidio SNAP es acreditado a su cuenta.* Puede solicitar una audiencia imparcial mandando una carta a: Office of Administration Hearings, New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, P.O. Box 1930, Albany New York 12201; por fax al (518) 473-6735; por internet, solicitando un formulario en el sitio web: <http://www.otda.ny.gov/oah/forms.asp>; o marcando gratis el: 1-800-342-3334.

ASISTENCIA LEGAL: si cree que necesita representación legal en la resolución de este problema, puede obtener los servicios de un abogado, sin costo alguno, comunicándose con la Sociedad de Ayuda Legal (*Legal Aid Society*) u otra asociación de defensa legal de su localidad.