

## Notice of Adoption

Temporary and Disability Assistance, Office of  
(SUBMITTING AGENCY)

- This adoption will amend the NYCRR.  
 This adoption will not amend the NYCRR.

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### 1. Action taken:

Amendment of § 387.12(f)(3)(v)(a)-(c) of Title 18 NYCRR

"X" box if the rule was originally proposed as a consensus rule making.

### 2. Effective date of rule:

- Date this notice is published in the *State Register*.  
 This is a "rate making" as defined in SAPA §102(2)(a)(ii), and, is effective as follows:  
 Date of filing. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other date (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other date (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ days after filing.

### 3. Statutory authority under which the rule was adopted:

Social Services Law §§ 17(a)-(b), and (j), 20(3)(d) and 95; 7 United States Code § 2014 (e)(6)(C); 7 Code of Federal Regulations § 273.9 (d)(6)(iii)

### 4. Subject of the rule:

Standard Utility Allowances (SUAs) for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

### 5. Purpose of the rule:

These regulatory amendments set forth the federally-approved SUAs as of 10/1/17.

6. Terms and identification of rule :

A. I.D. No. of original notice of **proposed or emergency/proposed** rule making: TDA-38-17-00002 - EP

B. Comparison of the proposed rule to the adopted rule (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):

No changes were made to the proposed rule.

● Text/Summary does not need to be republished in the State Register. If the last previously published RIS, RFA, RAFA or JIS remain adequate and do not require correction, SKIP ITEMS 9-12 and do NOT attach any such statements. If any of the most recently published statements were deemed inadequate or required correction, complete Item 9, 10, 11, or 12 as applicable, do NOT attach previously published statements. Be sure to complete C (if applicable), and D, as well as remaining Items 7-8 and 13-14.

Nonsubstantive changes were made in [Parts, sections, subdivisions or paragraphs]:

[Redacted boxes for nonsubstantive changes]

● Text/Summary is required to be republished in the State Register. Attach the original of the text as adopted (if proposed as full text, submit full text; if proposed as a summary, submit a summary) typed in scannable format. Do not skip Items 9-12; revised statements or explanatory statements are required.

Text attached.  
 Summary attached.

This is a "rate making" as defined in SAPA §102(2)(a)(ii) and, pursuant to SAPA §202(7)(b), the agency elected to submit an original copy of a description of the substance. Substantial revisions were made in the following Parts, sections, subdivisions or paragraphs:

[Redacted boxes for rate making details]

C. List the publication date and I.D. No. of any previously published notice(s) of **revised** rule making:

Publication date: \_\_\_\_\_, I.D. No. \_\_\_\_\_ -  
Publication date: \_\_\_\_\_, I.D. No. \_\_\_\_\_ -

D. Signed certification of adoption and full text of the rule are attached:

Signed certification of adoption (scanned pdf).  
 Full text of the rule (MS Word).

7. The text of the final rule and any required statements and analyses may be obtained from:

Agency contact Richard P. Rhodes, Jr.  
Agency name New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance  
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Albany, NY 12243-0001  
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8. Additional matter required by statute:

Yes (include below material required by statute).

[Redacted area for additional matter]

No additional material required by statute.

9. Revised Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS)

(SELECT AND COMPLETE ONE; ALL ATTACHMENTS MUST BE 2,000 WORDS OR LESS)

A. The attached Revised RIS contains:

The full text of the Revised RIS.  
 A summary of the Revised RIS.

B. A **statement is attached** explaining why a revised RIS is not required (check one box):

Changes made to the last published rule do not necessitate revision to the previously published RIS.  
 This is a technical amendment exempt from SAPA §202-a.

C.  A revised RIS is **not** attached because this rule is a “rate making” as defined in SAPA §102(2)(a)(ii).

A revised RIS is **not** attached because this rule was proposed as a consensus rule as defined in SAPA

10. **Revised Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (RFA) for small businesses and local governments**

(SELECT AND COMPLETE ONE; ALL ATTACHMENTS MUST BE 2,000 WORDS OR LESS)

A. The attached Revised RFA contains:

The full text of the Revised RFA.

A summary of the Revised RFA.

B. A **statement is attached** explaining why a revised RFA is not required (check one box):

Changes made to the last published rule do not necessitate revision to the previously published RFA.

The changes will not impose any adverse economic impact or reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements on small businesses or local governments. The attached statement sets forth this agency’s findings and the reason(s) upon which the findings were made, including what measures were used to determine those findings.

C.  A revised RFA is **not** attached because this rule is a “rate making” as defined in SAPA §102(2)(a)(ii).

A revised RFA is **not** attached because this rule was proposed as a consensus rule as defined in SAPA §102(11).

11. **Revised Rural Area Flexibility Analysis (RAFA)**

(SELECT AND COMPLETE ONE; ALL ATTACHMENTS MUST BE 2,000 WORDS OR LESS)

A. The attached Revised RAFA contains:

The full text of the Revised RAFA.

A summary of the Revised RAFA.

B. A **statement is attached** explaining why a revised RAFA is not required (check one box):

Changes made to the last published rule do not necessitate revision to the previously published RAFA.

The changes will not impose any adverse impact or reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements on public or private entities in rural areas. The attached statement sets forth this agency’s findings and the reason(s) upon which the findings were made, including what measures were used to determine those findings.

C.  A revised RAFA is not attached because this rule is a “rate making” as defined in SAPA §102(2)(a)(ii).

A revised RAFA is **not** attached because this rule was proposed as a consensus rule as defined in SAPA §102(11).

12. **Revised Job Impact Statement (JIS)**

(SELECT AND COMPLETE ONE; ALL ATTACHMENTS MUST BE 2,000 WORDS OR LESS)

A. The attached Revised JIS contains:

The full text of the Revised JIS.

A summary of the Revised JIS.

B. A **statement is attached** explaining why a revised JIS is not required (check one box):

Changes made to the last published rule do not necessitate revision to the previously published JIS.

The changes will not impose a substantial impact on jobs and employment opportunities. The attached statement sets forth this agency’s findings that the rule will have a positive impact or no impact on jobs and employment opportunities; except when it is evident from the subject matter of the rule that it could only have a positive impact or no impact on jobs and employment opportunities, the statement shall include a summary of the information and methodology underlying that determination.

C. A revised JIS is **not** attached because:

This rule is a “rate making” as defined in SAPA §102(2)(a)(ii).

This rule was proposed by the State Comptroller or Attorney General.

13. **Assessment of Public Comment** (includes legislative comments)

(COMPLETE ONE; ALL ATTACHMENTS MUST BE 2,000 WORDS OR LESS):

- Attached is an assessment of public comment.  
No particular form is required, and it need **only** include comments not addressed in any previously published assessment for this rule. However, the assessment must be based on any written comments received by the agency or any comments presented at any public hearing held by the agency about this rule (include legislative comment). It must contain a summary and an analysis of the issues raised and significant alternatives suggested, a statement of the reason(s) why any significant alternatives were not incorporated, and a description of any changes made as a result of such comments.
- An assessment is not attached because no comments were received.
- An assessment is not required because this action is for a “rate making” as defined in SAPA §102(2)(a)(ii).

14. **Referenced material** (check one box):

- No information is being incorporated by reference in this rule.
- This rule contains referenced material in the following Parts, sections, subdivisions or paragraphs:

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15. **Initial Review of Rule** (SAPA §207)

(SELECT AND COMPLETE ONE)

- A.  As a rule that requires a RFA, RAFA or JIS, this rule will be initially reviewed in the calendar year 2020, which is no later than the 3<sup>rd</sup> year after the year in which this rule is being adopted.
- B.  As a rule that requires a RFA, RAFA or JIS, this rule will be initially reviewed in the calendar year \_\_\_\_\_ which is the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> year after the year in which this rule is being adopted. This review period, justification for proposing same, and invitation for public comment thereon, were contained in a RFA, RAFA or JIS:
  - Attached is an assessment of public comment on the issue of the 4 or 5-year initial review period; or
  - An assessment of public comment on the 4 or 5-year initial review period is not attached because no comments were received on the issue.
- C.  As a rule that does not require a RFA, RAFA or JIS, this rule will be initially reviewed in the calendar year \_\_\_\_\_ which is no later than the 5<sup>th</sup> year after the year in which this rule is being adopted.
- D.  Not Applicable. This is a “rate making” or a “consensus rule,” or a repeal of a rule.

**AGENCY CERTIFICATION (To be completed by the person who PREPARED the notice)**

I have reviewed this form and the information submitted with it. The information contained in this notice is correct to the best of my knowledge.

I have reviewed Article 2 of SAPA and Parts 260 through 263 of 19 NYCRR, and I hereby certify that this notice complies with all applicable provisions.

Name Richard P. Rhodes, Jr. Signature /s/ Richard P. Rhodes, Jr.

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Date 11/14/2017

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**Please read before submitting this notice:**

1. Except for this form itself, all text must be typed in the prescribed format as described in the Department of State's *Register* procedures manual, *Rule Making in New York*.
2. Rule making notices, with any necessary attachments (in MS Word unless otherwise specified), should be e-filed via the Department of State website.

**Clauses (a)–(c) of subparagraph (v) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (f) of § 387.12 of Title 18 NYCRR are amended to read as follows:**

- (a) The standard allowance for heating/cooling consists of the costs for heating and/or cooling the residence, electricity not used to heat or cool the residence, cooking fuel, sewage, trash collection, water fees, fuel for heating hot water and basic service for one telephone. The standard allowance for heating/cooling is available to households which incur heating and/or cooling costs separate and apart from rent and are billed separately from rent or mortgage on a regular basis for heating and/or cooling their residence, or to households entitled to a Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) payment or other Low Income Home Energy Assistance Act (LIHEAA) payment. A household living in public housing or other rental housing which has central utility meters and which charges the household for excess heating or cooling costs only is not entitled to the standard allowance for heating/cooling unless they are entitled to a HEAP or LIHEAA payment. Such a household may claim actual costs which are paid separately. Households which do not qualify for the standard allowance for heating/cooling may be allowed to use the standard allowance for utilities or the standard allowance for telephone. As of October 1, [2016] 2017, but subject to subsequent adjustments as required by the United States Department of Agriculture (“USDA”), the standard allowance for heating/cooling for SNAP applicant and recipient households residing in New York City is [~~\$758~~] \$791; for households residing in either Suffolk or Nassau Counties, it is [~~\$706~~] \$736; and for households residing in any other county of New York State, it is [~~\$627~~] \$654.
- (b) The standard allowance for utilities consists of the costs for electricity not used to heat or cool the residence, cooking fuel, sewage, trash collection, water fees, fuel for heating hot water and basic service for one telephone. It is available to households billed separately from rent or mortgage for one or more of these utilities other than telephone. The standard allowance for utilities is available to households which do not qualify for the standard allowance for heating/cooling. Households which do not qualify for the standard allowance for utilities may be allowed to use the standard allowance for telephone. As of October 1, [2016] 2017, but subject to subsequent adjustments as required by the USDA, the standard allowance for utilities for SNAP applicant and recipient households residing in New York City is [~~\$300~~] \$313; for households residing in either Suffolk or Nassau Counties, it is [~~\$277~~] \$289; and for households residing in any other county of New York State, it is [~~\$254~~] \$265.
- (c) The standard allowance for telephone consists of the cost for basic service for one telephone. The standard allowance for telephone is available to households which do not qualify for the standard allowance for heating/cooling or the standard allowance for utilities. As of [April 1, 2011] October 1, 2017, but subject to subsequent adjustments as required by the USDA, the standard allowance for telephone for all SNAP applicant and recipient households residing in New York State is [~~\$33~~] \$30.



# Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance

**ANDREW M. CUOMO**  
Governor

**SAMUEL D. ROBERTS**  
Commissioner

**BARBARA C. GUINN**  
Executive Deputy Commissioner

## CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the attached amendments to § 387.12(f)(3)(v)(a)-(c) of Title 18 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules, and Regulations of the State of New York, are duly adopted by me, Executive Deputy Commissioner Barbara C. Guinn, acting pursuant to designation under Public Officers Law § 9, on this date pursuant to authority vested in the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance by Social Services Law §§ 17(a)-(b), and (j), 20(3)(d) and 95; 7 United States Code § 2014 (e)(6)(C); and 7 Code of Federal Regulations § 273.9 (d)(6)(iii).

These amendments shall be effective upon publication of the Notice of Adoption in the New York State Register.

The Notice of Emergency Adoption and Proposed Rule Making for these amendments was previously published in the New York State Register on September 20, 2017, under I.D. No. TDA-38-17-00002-EP.

No other publication of prior notice is required by statute.

/s/ Barbara C. Guinn

November 13, 2017

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Barbara C. Guinn  
Executive Deputy Commissioner

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Date