

FOOD STAMP BENEFITS BUDGET NARRATIVE

NEW YORK STATE

OFFICE OF TEMPORARY AND DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

WBGTF5		** FS BUDGET **		VERSION				DIST				/ /			
CASE NAME			CASE NO.			OFC UNIT	WRKR	TT	SD	CT	CE	#	SH	AD	IT
I/TY	ACTUAL	ALLOW	UNEARNED INCOME				EARNED INCOME				***** ADDL *****		*****		
			LN	SRC	FRQ	AMOUNT	LN	SRC	FRQ	AMOUNT	** EXCLUSIONS **				
SHELT	0	0				0				0	BRD/LDG		0		
WATER	0	0				0				0	NEG-FRM		0		
HT/AC	① 0	0				0				③ 0	PSNL CR	④	0		
DISP	0	0				0				0	SPONSOR		0		
UTIL	0	0			②	0				0	TOTAL		0		
PHONE	0	0		PA		0									
OTHER	0	0		PA		0									
TOTAL SHELT	0	0		TOTAL		0									
											***** DEDUCTIONS *****				
\$\$ FS ALLOTMENT \$\$			***** CLAIMS *****								ACTUAL		ALLOW		
TOTAL INC	0	T	DISQ	BALANCE	AMOUNT	MO	REM	DEP CARE	0		0	0			
ADDL EXCL	0			0	0		0	DEP CARE	0		0	⑦	0		
TOTAL DED	⑤ 0			0	0		⑥	DEP CARE	0		0	⑦	0		
FS NET INC	0							MEDICAL	0		0		0		
CLAIM AMT	0		RECALC					SUPPORT			0		0		
\$\$\$\$ BENEFIT \$\$\$\$\$				** EFFECTIVE DATE **											
MONTHLY	0			/	/	TO	/	/							
1 ST MONTHLY	0			DATE STORED	/	/			20% EARNED				0		
							⑧		STANDARD				0		
									EXC SHELT		0		0		
									TOTAL DEDUCTIONS				0		

THE SAMPLE FOOD STAMP BENEFITS BUDGET WORKSHEET ABOVE SHOWS IN BRIEF HOW FINANCIAL DATA HAS BEEN USED TO CALCULATE YOUR FOOD STAMP BENEFITS NET INCOME. ALL ENTRIES ARE PER MONTH. THE TOP SECTION CONTAINS LOCAL DISTRICT INFORMATION WHICH IDENTIFIES THIS AS A FOOD STAMP BENEFITS BUDGET FOR A SPECIFIC HOUSEHOLD (CASE NAME). “#” IS THE NUMBER OF PERSONS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD WHO RECEIVE FOOD STAMP BENEFITS. THE LAST TWO NUMBERS OF ANY AMOUNT ARE CENTS.

Section 1: This is a summary of housing expenses. In the “ACTUAL” column is the amount of rent, heating bills, etc, which was reported as the amount you must pay. In the “ALLOW” column is the amount which is being used to calculate the budget. In some cases, the amount we allow is different than the actual amounts because we may use a standard amount based on your living situation.

Section 2: Recorded and totaled in this section is any income you reported that is received from a source other than a job. Some examples are a Social Security benefit, Unemployment Insurance, a Temporary Assistance Grant, the net amount of rental income for property you manage **less** than twenty hours per week. In the “SRC” column is a code number for the source of the income which appears in the amount column. The number in “LN” refers to the person in the case who has the unearned income.

Section 3: Recorded and totaled in this section is any income you reported that is received from a job or through self-employment. For self-employment income, the allowable costs of doing business are subtracted prior to being recorded on the budget. Included in the self-employment income is rental income for property which you manage **more** than twenty hours per week. In the “SRC” column is a code number for the source of that income that appears in the amount column. If the number “45” appears under “SRC”, the amount that your boarder or lodger pays you is listed under “AMOUNT”. The number in “LN” refers to the person in the case who has the earned income.

Income Exclusions: Some money you receive is not counted as income. Some examples are: Lump Sum Payments (such as income tax refunds); certain parts of your educational grants or loans; and the part of your rental income that you use to pay Costs of Doing Business (such as paying for tenants’ heat). CONTACT YOUR WORKER IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

Section 4: Appearing in this section are special categories of monies which are excluded from income. "BRD/LDG" is the amount allowed as the cost of providing room and board (food) to the lodger(s) you reported receiving income from (shown in Section 3). "PSNL CR" is an amount that is EXCLUDED from unearned income by some residents of group living arrangements such as group homes. "NEG-FRM" is an amount of business loss due to farming. The "SPONSOR" exclusion is allowed only to sponsored aliens whose sponsor's income is above a certain level.

Section 5: This is a summary of Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7. "TOTAL INC" is Section 2 and 3 added together "ADDL EXCL" is the amount from Section 4 and is subtracted from "TOTAL INC". These steps result in the "FS NET INC" which is the figure from which the monthly allotment is determined. "CLAIM AMT" is the amount from Section 6 being recouped from this month's benefits. The "1st month" entry will appear only on budgets for recent applicants.

Section 6: This section is completed only when the agency has determined that there has been an overpayment of benefits. The number under the "T" gives the reason for the overpayment.

"1" = Administrative Error

"2" = Inadvertent Household Error

"4" = Intentional Program Violation

"BALANCE" indicates the total amount to be recouped as of the effective date of this budget. "AMOUNT" is the monthly amount being recouped for that claim. "MO" is the number of months this amount will be recouped. "REM" is any remaining amount that will be recouped after that number of months. Only information appearing in the first line of this section is affecting your present food stamp benefits. Information appearing in the second line is not affecting your food stamp benefits now but may in the future.

Section 7: This section refers to deductions allowed from income. If you pay for dependent care, that expenses up to a monthly limit is allowed. Your actual cost will appear in the 'ACTUAL' column, and the amount allowed in the budget calculation appears in the 'ALLOW' column. Elderly and disabled persons may qualify to have medical costs (minus a \$35 deductible) subtracted from total income. If someone in your household pays legally obligated child support for an individual outside your household, the monthly payment will appear in the "ACTUAL" column. The amount used in the budget calculation will appear in the "ALLOW" column. If you have earned income (Section 3), 20% of the total amount is deducted. Every household receives a standard deduction. If your total shelter cost (Section 1) is more than half of your income after all other deductions are subtracted, you will receive an excess shelter deduction ("EXC SHEL").

Section 8: The "EFFECTIVE DATE" represents the dates this budget is valid (not necessarily your certification period).