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Center for Employment & Economic Supports**

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TO: Commissioners; TA & FS Directors; WMS Coordinators; CAP Coordinators; MA Directors

FROM: Russell Sykes, Deputy Commissioner, Center for Employment & Economic Supports

SUBJECT: Updated – Food Stamp Standards for **April 1, 2009**

EFFECTIVE DATE: **April 1, 2009**

CONTACT PERSON: FS Questions – Food Stamp Bureau (518) 473-1469
MRB/A NYC Questions- Pat Bennett (212) 961-8185

As of **April 1, 2009** the Food Stamp standards are as follows:

The standard deduction amounts that will be used in the annual FS mass rebudgeting for **April 1, 2009**:

Household Size	Standard Deduction
1	\$144
2	\$144
3	\$144
4	\$147
5	\$172
6+	\$197

The minimum allotment for households of one and two persons has increased from \$14 to \$16.

Maximum Excess Shelter Deduction: \$446
 Homeless Shelter Deduction: \$143 (unchanged)
 Boarder/Lodger Exclusion: \$200 for one or \$367 for two
 Dependent Care Deduction: Actual Expense Allowed (No limit)

Household size	200% of Poverty	Monthly Income Elderly/Disabled Separate/Household 165% of Poverty	Maximum Gross Monthly Income 130% of Poverty	Maximum Net Monthly Income 100% of Poverty	Maximum Allotment
1	1733	1430	1127	867	200
2	2333	1925	1517	1167	367
3	2933	2420	1907	1467	526
4	3533	2915	2297	1767	668
5	4133	3410	2687	2067	793
6	4733	3905	3077	2367	952
7	5333	4400	3467	2667	1,052
8	5933	4895	3857	2967	1,202
Each Add'l Member	600 +	495 +	390 +	300 +	150 +

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The standardized benefit amounts for NYSNIP (New York State Nutrition Improvement Program) will be updated as part of this Mass Rebudget for **April 1, 2009**.

NYSNIP BENEFITS MATRIX BY SHELTER TYPES
4/01/09

HOUSEHOLD		MONTHLY FOOD STAMP BENEFIT AMOUNT		
		New York City	Nassau/Suffolk	Rest of State
Shelter Type 94 (High Shelter/SUA)	SSI Only	\$200	\$200	\$200
	Other Income	\$200	\$200	\$200
Shelter Type 95 (Low Shelter/SUA)	SSI Only	\$200	\$200	\$185
	Other Income	\$200	\$192	\$176
Shelter Type 96 (High Shelter/SUA/\$1 HEAP)	SSI Only	\$200	\$200	\$200
	Other Income	\$200	\$200	\$200
Shelter Type 97 (Low Shelter/SUA/\$1 HEAP)	SSI Only	\$200	\$200	\$185
	Other Income	\$200	\$192	\$176
Shelter Type 98 (No Shelter or SUA Data)	SSI Only	\$60	\$60	\$60
	Other Income	\$56	\$56	\$56

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These changes are being made as a result of the passage of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Effective April 1, 2009, the Act increased the Thrifty Food Plan amounts used to calculate food stamp benefit amounts by 13.6%.