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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 October 1, 2009

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2009

CONTACT PERSON: FS Questions – Food Stamp Bureau (518) 473-1469
MRB/A Upstate Questions- John Pezzulo (518) 473-3468

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

The standard deduction amounts that will be used in the annual FS mass re-budgeting for October 1, 2009:

Household Size	Standard Deduction
1	\$141
2	\$141
3	\$141
4	\$153
5	\$179
6+	\$205

The minimum allotment for one and two-person households remains at \$16.

Maximum Excess Shelter Deduction:	\$459
Homeless Shelter Deduction:	\$143 (unchanged)
Boarder/Lodger Exclusion:	\$200 for one person and \$367 for two persons (unchanged)
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	\$1,805	\$1,490	\$1,174	\$903	\$200
2	\$2,428	\$2,004	\$1,579	\$1,215	\$367
3	\$3,052	\$2,518	\$1,984	\$1,526	\$526
4	\$3,675	\$3,032	\$2,389	\$1,838	\$668
5	\$4,298	\$3,547	\$2,794	\$2,150	\$793
6	\$4,922	\$4,061	\$3,200	\$2,461	\$952
7	\$5,545	\$4,575	\$3,605	\$2,773	\$1,052
8	\$6,168	\$5,089	\$4,010	\$3,085	\$1,202
Each Add'l Member	+\$623	+\$515	\$406	+\$312	+\$150

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*Elderly (60 years of age or older) or disabled 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 or disabled individual and spouse) do not exceed the 165% limit.

**FS households containing an aged or disabled individual, and households that pay out-of-pocket dependent care costs that pass the 200% gross income test and do not contain a FS-sanctioned or an Intentional Program Violation (IPV) member are categorically eligible for FS benefits.

There will be no change to the amounts of the HT/AC SUA (Combined Heat/Utility/Phone SUA in NYC), Non-Heating SUA and Phone SUA:

Geographic Area	HT/AC SUA	UTIL SUA	PHONE SUA
NYC	\$781	\$308	\$33.00
Nassau & Suffolk	\$727	\$286	\$33.00
Rest of State	\$645	\$261	\$33.00

There will be no changes to the standard benefit amounts for the New York State Nutrition Improvement Program (NYSNIP).

NYSNIP BENEFITS MATRIX BY SHELTER TYPES

HOUSEHOLD		MONTHLY FOOD STAMP BENEFIT AMOUNT		
		New York City	Nassau/Suffolk	Upstate
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

A copy of the mass notice sent to recipients is attached. If the notice does not print properly and a hard copy is needed, please request a faxed copy via the contacts listed above. Please note that the attached mass notice is also being used to update the gross monthly income standards (130% of poverty level) to those households subject to six-month reporting rules.