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Center for Employment & Economic Supports

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TO: NYC Commissioner, TA Directors, FS Directors, Employment Coordinators, WMS Coordinators, MA Directors

FROM: Phyllis Morris, Deputy Commissioner, Center for Employment and Economic Supports

SUBJECT: NYC – Updated Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Standards for October 1, 2012

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2012

CONTACT PERSON: SNAP/Food Stamp Questions – SNAP/Food Stamp Bureau – (518) 473-1469
MRB/A NYC Questions – Pat Bennett – (212) 961-8184

All Social Service Districts will be drop-shipped a Public Notice Poster (copy attached) outlining the updated SNAP standards for October 1, 2012. The Poster is to be displayed in reception and lobby areas to inform the districts' clients of the recent changes. This poster must be placed in close proximity to the Poster Pub. 4842, "If you need an Interpreter" compliant with Executive Order 26.

In compliance with Federal requirements, effective October 1, 2012 SNAP standards will be as follows:

The standard deduction amounts that will be used in the annual SNAP mass re-budgeting for October 1, 2012

Household Size	Standard Deduction
1	\$149
2	\$149
3	\$149
4	\$160
5	\$187
6+	\$214

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

Maximum Excess Shelter Deduction: \$469
 Homeless Shelter Deduction: \$143 (unchanged)
 Boarder/Lodger Exclusion: \$200 for one person or \$367 for two persons (unchanged)

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	\$1,862	\$1,536	\$1,211	\$931	\$200
2	\$2,522	\$2,081	\$1,640	\$1,261	\$367
3	\$3,182	\$2,625	\$2,069	\$1,591	\$526
4	\$3,842	\$3,170	\$2,498	\$1,921	\$668
5	\$4,502	\$3,714	\$2,927	\$2,251	\$793
6	\$5,162	\$4,259	\$3,356	\$2,581	\$952
7	\$5,822	\$4,803	\$3,785	\$2,911	\$1,052
8	\$6,482	\$5,348	\$4,214	\$3,241	\$1,202
Each Add'l Member	+\$660	+\$545	+\$429	+\$330	+\$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.

**SNAP 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 SNAP-sanctioned or an Intentional Program Violation (IPV) member are categorically eligible for SNAP benefits.

There will be a decrease to the amounts of the HT/AC SUA (Combined Heat/Utility/Phone SUA in NYC) as well as the Non-Heating SUA. The Phone SUA will remain the same:

Geographic Area	HT/AC SUA	UTIL SUA	PHONE SUA
NYC	\$725	\$287	\$33
Nassau & Suffolk	\$675	\$265	\$33
Rest of State	\$599	\$242	\$33

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

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BY SHELTER TYPES
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HOUSEHOLD		SNAP/FOOD STAMP MONTHLY 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	\$186	\$164
	Other Income	\$192	\$177	\$155
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	\$186	\$164
	Other Income	\$192	\$177	\$155
Shelter Type 98 (No Shelter or SUA Data)	SSI Only	\$86	\$86	\$86
	Other Income	\$82	\$82	\$82

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.