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SUBJECT: Changes to SNAP Resource Limit

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2014

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Purpose:

The purpose of this GIS is to notify local districts that **the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) has increased the resource limit from \$2,000 to \$2,250 for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) households that still are subject to a resource test for SNAP eligibility and are without any aged/disabled members in the SNAP household.** The resource limit for households that still are subject to a resource test for SNAP eligibility and which have aged/disabled members remains at \$3,250.

This increase is effective October 1, 2014.

Background:

Generally, due to New York's implementation of expanded, broad-based categorical eligibility rules in January 2008 (see 07 ADM-09 and 09 ADM-06); **only households with aged/disabled members that have income in excess of 200% of the federal poverty limit, and households with sanctioned or disqualified members are subject to a resource test for SNAP eligibility.**

For those households that are subject to a resource test, Section 5(g) of the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 (FCEA) provides that adjustments to the SNAP asset limit shall be indexed to inflation rounded down to the nearest \$250 increment. Under the federal law:

- Adjustments to the asset limit shall reflect changes for the 12-month period ending the preceding June in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for All Urban Consumers published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department.
- Each adjustment is based on the unrounded amount for the prior 12-month period.

Required Action:

Effective October 1, 2014, SNAP households that are subject to the resource test and which do not have any aged/disabled members must have SNAP eligibility assessed using the new resource limit of \$2,250.