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Section 1

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Attachments:	LDSS-5006 (9/20) – October SNAP Changes Public Notice Posters – English and Spanish

Section 2

In compliance with federal requirements 7 CFR 273.9(a)(3), effective October 1, 2020, the SNAP standards will be as follows:

The standard deduction amounts that will be used in the annual SNAP mass re-budgeting for October 1, 2020:

Household Size	Standard Deduction
1	\$167
2	\$167
3	\$167
4	\$181
5	\$212
6+	\$243

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

Maximum Excess Shelter Deductions: **\$586 (increase)**
Homeless Shelter Deduction: **\$156.74 (increase)**
Boarder/Lodger Exclusion: **\$204 (increase) for 1 person or \$374 (increase) for 2 persons**

The new Federal Poverty Limit (FPL) thresholds are as follows:

Household Size	200% of FPL*	165% of FPL**	150% of FPL***	Maximum Gross Monthly Income 130% of FPL	Maximum Net Monthly Income 100% of FPL	Maximum Allotment
1	\$2,126	\$1,755	\$1,595	\$1,383	\$1,064	\$204
2	\$2,873	\$2,371	\$2,155	\$1,868	\$1,437	\$374
3	\$3,620	\$2,987	\$2,715	\$2,353	\$1,810	\$535
4	\$4,366	\$3,603	\$3,275	\$2,839	\$2,184	\$680
5	\$5,113	\$4,219	\$3,835	\$3,324	\$2,557	\$807
6	\$5,860	\$4,835	\$4,395	\$3,809	\$2,930	\$969
7	\$6,606	\$5,451	\$4,955	\$4,295	\$3,304	\$1,071
8	\$7,353	\$6,067	\$5,515	\$4,780	\$3,677	\$1,224
Each Add'l Member	+\$746	+\$616	\$560	+\$486	+\$374	+\$153

*SNAP households containing any aged or disabled members, and households that pay out-of-pocket dependent care costs, that pass the 200% FPL gross income test and do not contain a SNAP-sanctioned or an Intentional Program Violation (IPV) member are categorically eligible for SNAP, meaning that such households are not subject to a resource test, and that such households of one or two persons are, minimally, eligible to receive the \$16 minimum allotment for households of one or two persons.

**Elderly (60 years of age or older) or 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 and disabled individual and his/her spouse) do not exceed the 165% FPL amount.

***SNAP households with **earned** income budgeted for the purpose of determining SNAP eligibility and benefit amount that **do not** contain a household member that is sanctioned or disqualified for an Intentional Program Violation (IPV), failure to comply with work rules or voluntary job quit, that **do not** contain an aged or disabled member, and that **do not** pay out-of-pocket dependent care costs, must pass the 150% FPL gross income test.

It should be noted that, per USDA rules, all households of three or more people, after the applicable Gross and/or Net Income Test(s) are passed, must have their monthly Net Income calculate out to a positive SNAP Allotment to be eligible to receive benefits.

Standard Utility Allowances (SUA): The Combined Standard Allowance for Heat (AC) / Utility / Phone in New York City will increase by \$1.00 (FSUA: IND). Amounts for the Combined Standard Allowance for Heat (AC) / Utility / Phone (HT/AC Expense Indicator) in all Rest of State districts will remain unchanged. Also, for all geographic areas, amounts for the Combined Standard for

Utility / Phone (FSUT IND in NYC and UTIL in Rest of State) as well as the Standard Allowance for PHONE will remain unchanged (see table below):

Geographic Area	HT/AC SUA	UTIL SUA	PHONE SUA
NYC	\$801 (increase)	\$316	\$30
Nassau & Suffolk	\$744	\$292	\$30
Rest of State	\$661	\$268	\$30

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

NYSNIP BENEFITS MATRIX BY SHELTER TYPES
Effective 10/01/20 – 09/30/21

HOUSEHOLD		SNAP/FOOD STAMP MONTHLY BENEFIT		
		New York	Nassau/Suffolk	Upstate
Shelter Type 94 (High Shelter/SUA)	SSI Only	\$204	\$204	\$204
	Other Income	\$204	\$204	\$198
Shelter Type 95 (Low Shelter/SUA)	SSI Only	\$204	\$189	\$164
	Other Income	\$197	\$180	\$155
Shelter Type 96 (High Shelter/ SUA/\$21)	SSI Only	\$204	\$204	\$204
	Other Income	\$204	\$204	\$198
Shelter Type 96 (High Shelter/ No SUA)	SSI Only	\$18	\$18	\$18
	Other Income	\$16	\$16	\$16
Shelter Type 97 (Low Shelter/ SUA/\$21)	SSI Only	\$204	\$189	\$164
	Other Income	\$197	\$180	\$155
Shelter Type 97 (Low Shelter/ No SUA)	SSI Only	\$16	\$16	\$16
	Other Income	\$16	\$16	\$16
Shelter Type 98 (No Shelter or SUA)	SSI Only	\$16	\$16	\$16
	Other Income	\$16	\$16	\$16

Notices

Federal regulations do not require individual notice regarding mass changes, and individual notices will not be sent this year. If individual notices are not provided, public notice must be. OTDA will be posting public notice in print media and social media outlets during the month of September. Districts also are required to immediately post the attached public notice in English and Spanish regarding the October 2020 SNAP standards. The posters must be displayed in certification offices, issuance locations, and other sites frequented by certified households to ensure households are informed of the change. OTDA will not be printing and drop shipping copies of the posters.

Districts also are encouraged to either post the links below to the public notice from OTDA’s website directly to their website, or to add the attached posters directly to their district’s website.

http://otda.state.ny.net/ldss_eforms/eforms/5006.pdf

http://otda.state.ny.net/ldss_eforms/eforms/5006-SP.pdf