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**FIA ACTION TRANSMITTAL**

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*(Revised text is preceded by bold and italics text)*

**TO: DIRECTORS, LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES DEPUTY/ASSISTANT DIRECTORS FOR FAMILY INVESTMENT, FAMILY INVESTMENT SUPERVISORS AND ELIGIBILITY STAFF**

**FROM: AUGUSTIN NTABAGANYIMANA, ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**RE: SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) MASS CHANGES FOR OCTOBER 2023**

**PROGRAM AFFECTED: SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)**

**ORIGINATING OFFICE: OFFICE OF PROGRAMS**

**SUMMARY:**

**SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) MASS CHANGES FOR OCTOBER 2023**

Each August, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) publishes the updated standards for income and deductions for the next federal fiscal year (FFY). The deductions changed for FFY24. Effective October 1, 2023, standard deductions, excess shelter deduction, homeless shelter deductions, maximum allotments, and income eligibility for all categorically eligible households for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) will increase.

This Action Transmittal (AT) replaces AT #22-38 (SNAP MASS CHANGES).

**Impacted Maximum Allotments, Income Eligibility Standards, and Deductions**

Maximum allotments will increase in Maryland for all family sizes. Income eligibility for all household sizes has increased in each eligible category. The chart below provides a breakout of

the income eligibility and maximum allotment amounts effective October 1, 2023.

Household Size	Maximum Gross Monthly Income* 130% of Poverty	Maximum Net Monthly Income* 100% of Poverty	Monthly Income Elderly/Disabled Separate Household* 165% of Poverty	Maximum Allotment
1	\$1,580	\$1,215	\$2,005	\$291
2	\$2,137	\$1,644	\$2,712	\$535
3	\$2,694	\$2,072	\$3,419	\$766
4	\$3,250	\$2,500	\$4,125	\$973
5	\$3,807	\$2,929	\$4,832	\$1,155
6	\$4,364	\$3,357	\$5,539	\$1,386
7	\$4,921	\$3,785	\$6,246	\$1,532
8	\$5,478	\$4,214	\$6,952	\$1,751
<b>Each additional member</b>	\$557	\$429	\$707	\$219

The required reporting threshold for a household is \$125.00.

The standard deduction for a household of one to three is \$198, \$208 for a household of four, \$244 for a household of five, and \$279 for a household of six or more. The new SNAP excess shelter deduction is \$672.

The Eligibility and Enrollment (E&E) system will automatically generate customer notices for the above-listed increases at the time of the mass changes in September 2023.

Additionally, **the maximum homeless shelter deduction is \$179**, the **Standard Utility Allowance (SUA) is \$505**, the **Limited Utility Allowance (LUA) is \$309**, and the Telephone Standard is \$40.

**Note:** The excess shelter deduction does not apply to households with an aged or disabled member. These households receive an uncapped shelter deduction.

### **Action Required Regarding Homeless Shelter Deduction**

Households in which all members are homeless, but who do not receive free shelter, qualify for the homeless shelter deduction. Use actual shelter expenses, rather than the homeless shelter deduction, if the actual shelter costs result in an excess shelter deduction that is ***higher than the \$179 homeless deduction.***

### **Payment Accuracy**

The changes in income and standard deductions for SNAP benefits will not affect payment accuracy.

### **Resources:**

- SNAP Policy Manual Section 115
- SNAP Policy Manual Section 600
- <https://dhs.maryland.gov/supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program/food-supplement-program-manual/>
- [Income Guidelines](#)

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