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**FAMILY INVESTMENT ADMINISTRATION
(FIA) ACTION TRANSMITTAL**

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

FROM: AUGUSTIN NTABAGANYIMANA, ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**RE: MARYLAND SENIOR NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MSNAP)
ALLOTMENT CHANGES**

**PROGRAM AFFECTED: MARYLAND SENIOR NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
(MSNAP)**

ORIGINATING OFFICE: OFFICE OF PROGRAMS

SUMMARY:

MARYLAND SENIOR NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MSNAP) ALLOTMENT CHANGES

The Family Investment Administration (FIA) uses the Combined Application Project (CAP), also known as the Maryland Senior Nutrition Assistance Program (MSNAP), to simplify the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) application process for recipients of the federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits. MSNAP requires partnerships between the Social Security Administration (SSA), the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and FIA to simplify the SNAP application process for SSI recipients who live alone, or with a spouse who also receives SSI.

This Action Transmittal (AT) replaces AT #17-03 (MSNAP ALLOTMENT CHANGE). It provides MSNAP Standard Benefit Amounts effective January 1, 2024. The parameters in the Eligibility and Enrollment system were updated accordingly prior to the effective date.

The current MSNAP benefit allocations as of January 1, 2024, are as follows:

MSNAP Standard Benefit Amount (effective January 1, 2024)	
Household Shelter Expense Threshold	SNAP Allotment
Less than \$715	\$142
Greater than or equal to \$715	\$235

For your historical reference, the MSNAP allotment effective October 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 are listed below.

MSNAP Allotment Amounts			
Household Shelter Expenses	Allotment, effective October 1, 2022	Allotment Amount Increase	Allotment after COLA increase, effective October 1, 2023
Less than or equal to \$525	\$132	\$10	\$142
Greater than \$525	\$217	\$10	\$227

Note: Shelter costs include all ongoing shelter expenses, including the appropriate utility allowances.

Payment Accuracy

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

Resources:

SNAP Policy Manual Section 107
 SNAP Policy Manual Section 115
 SNAP Policy Manual Section 600

INQUIRIES:

Please direct policy questions to FIA Policy by completing the FIA Policy Information Request Form. Montgomery County staff may submit their policy questions via email at fia.policy@maryland.gov. For questions related to E&E, please email fia.bsdm@maryland.gov.

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