600.1 STANDARDS FOR ELIGIBILITY AND MAXIMUM ALLOTMENTS

A. The standards for the following appear in Section 600, page 2.
   1. Column A - Maximum Gross Monthly Income Standards (130% of poverty)
   2. Column B - Maximum Net Monthly Income Standards (100% of poverty)
   3. Column C - Maximum Gross Income Standard for Elderly and Disabled Separate Household (165% of poverty)
   4. Column D - Thrifty Food Plan/Maximum Allotment

B. Standards 1, 2, and 3 are used to determine household eligibility and not for computing allotments.

600.2 FORMULA CALCULATION

A. Multiply the household’s net monthly income by 30%.
B. Round the product up to the next whole dollar if any cents result.
C. Subtract the product from the maximum allotment amount for the household size found in Section 600.4 Column D.

**NOTE:** In an initial month, if the allotment is less than $10, no benefit is issued. Except in an initial month, all eligible one and two person households must be issued the minimum allotment of $15 plus the state supplement to bring the allotment up to $30.

600.3 DEDUCTION STANDARDS

Standard Deductions
Household size up to and including 3 people--------------------- $164
Household of 4----------------------------------------------- $174
   Household size of 5-------------------------------------- $204
   Household size of 6 or more----------------------------- $292
Excess Shelter Deduction-------------------------------------- up to $552
Homeless Household Shelter Allowance------------------------ $143
Standard Utility Allowance (SUA)---------------------------- $404
Limited Utility Allowance (LUA)------------------------------- $247
Telephone Standard------------------------------------------ $40

* The excess shelter deduction does not apply to households with an aged or disabled member. These households receive an uncapped shelter deduction.
600.4 Determining the Food Supplement Program Allotment

A. Determine a household’s monthly food supplement allotment by using the Basis of Issuance Tables:

1. Calculate the household’s net monthly income.
2. Compare the household’s net monthly income to the maximum net monthly income standard, Column B below. Households that are not categorically eligible for food supplements will have net monthly incomes that are lower than or equal to the amounts shown in Column B.
3. Find the allotment by reading in the Basis of Issuance Tables, down to the appropriate income and across to the appropriate household size.

NOTE: A household that is categorically eligible is entitled to any allotment shown in the appropriate column on the tables. Persons in household sizes of one or two and categorically eligible are eligible for a benefit of $15, even if the tables do not show a benefit amount at their net income levels. (Please see Section 409 of the Food Supplement Program Manual for information on the minimum state supplement to FSP benefits for households with a member aged 62 and older.)

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* Maximum gross and net monthly income figures are not used for computing the food supplement allotment. They are included as a reference for determining the household’s eligibility.