

## **FAMILY INVESTMENT ADMINISTRATION**

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<b>Summary:</b>	This policy updates a previously distributed policy that was erroneous.
<b>Key Words:</b>	Income standard deductions, excess shelter deductions, maximum allotments, SNAP mass changes
<b>Related Federal Law:</b>	<a href="#">7 CFR 273.9</a>
<b>Related State Laws:</b>	Not Applicable
<b>COMAR</b>	Not Applicable
<b>State Plan Implications?</b>	Yes



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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, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**RE: SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)  
MASS CHANGES FOR OCTOBER 2024 (REVISED)**

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

**ORIGINATING OFFICE: OFFICE OF PROGRAMS**

**Summary**

Action Transmittal (AT) 25-05 was originally issued on December 3, 2024, this Revised AT 25-05 corrects the Standard Deduction for a household of 6 or more, the Standard Utility Allowance Amount (SUA), and the Limited Utility Allowance (LUA) amounts (all highlighted in yellow). Each August, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) publishes the updated [standards for income and deductions](#) for the next federal fiscal year (FFY). Effective October 1, 2024, there were increases to standard deductions, excess shelter deductions, homeless shelter deductions, maximum allotments, and income eligibility for all categorically eligible Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP) households. This AT replaces the original version of AT 25-05.

**FFY25 Maximum Allotments**

Maximum allotments increased in Maryland for all family sizes. Income eligibility for all household sizes increased in each eligible category. The chart below provides a breakout of the income eligibility and maximum allotment amounts effective October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025.

<b>Household Size</b>	<b>Maximum Gross Monthly Income* 130% of Poverty</b>	<b>Maximum Net Monthly Income* 100% of Poverty</b>	<b>Monthly Income Elderly/Disabled Separate Household* 165% of Poverty</b>	<b>Maximum Allotment</b>
1	\$1,632	\$1,255	\$2,071	\$292
2	\$2,215	\$1,704	\$2,811	\$536
3	\$2,798	\$2,152	\$3,551	\$768
4	\$3,380	\$2,600	\$4,290	\$975
5	\$3,963	\$3,049	\$5,030	\$1,158
6	\$4,546	\$3,497	\$5,770	\$1,390
7	\$5,129	\$3,945	\$6,510	\$1,536
8	\$5,712	\$4,394	\$7,249	\$1,756
<b>Each additional member</b>	\$583	\$449	\$740	\$220

### **FFY25 Standard Deductions and Allowances**

The required reporting threshold for a household is \$125. A household is required to report income changes if their monthly earned/unearned income changes by more than \$125. The table below provides the standard deduction for different SNAP household sizes.

<b>Household Size</b>	<b>Standard Deduction Amount</b>
1-3	\$204
4	\$217
5	\$254
6+	<b>\$291</b>

**The federal fiscal year 2025 excess shelter deduction is \$712.** The excess shelter deduction is a deduction for shelter costs that exceed half of a household's net income after other deductions. The excess shelter deduction does not apply to households with an aged or disabled member. Households with an aged or disabled member have an uncapped shelter deduction. Additionally, the maximum homeless shelter deduction increased to \$190.

On January 1, 2025 the Standard Utility Allowance (SUA) increased to **\$557**, and the Limited Utility Allowance increased to **\$341**. The Telephone Standard Allowance remains at \$40. The Eligibility and Enrollment (E&E) system automatically generated customer notices for the above-listed changes.

### **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. E&E will count the actual shelter expenses if they result in an excess shelter deduction that is **higher than the \$190 homeless deduction**. The case worker must always enter the actual shelter costs on the shelter expenses screen and indicate the living arrangement of each individual on the Individual Details screen. E&E will evaluate the expenses and the living arrangements and give the appropriate deduction. E&E will count either the actual expenses on the shelter expenses screen or the Homeless Shelter Deduction, whichever is higher.

**Note:** Shelter expenses must be captured on the 'Shelter' screen within E&E. The case must be narrated sufficiently to describe the household's actual shelter expenses.

### **Payment Accuracy**

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

### **Resources**

1. [115 Categorical Eligibility NOV 2024.pdf](#)
2. [600 Standards for Income and Deductions NOV 2024.docx.pdf](#)
3. [October 2024 Income Guidelines- revised 09.2024.pdf](#)
4. [Standards for Income and Deductions](#)

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