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Food Assistance Change Transmittal No. 91

TO: Food Assistance Certification Handbook Holders

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SUBJECT: October 1, 2022 Mass Change

**Previous Policy:** Pursuant to provisions of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) provides States with annual cost-of-living adjustments (COLA) for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The standard utility allowance, limited utility allowance, single standard utility allowance, single standard telephone allowance, excess shelter deduction, resource standards, maximum monthly SNAP allotments, monthly net income standards (100% of poverty), monthly gross income standards (130% of poverty), and monthly separate assistance group standards for elderly and disabled assistance groups only (165% of poverty) are all subject to change based on the annual adjustments the State receives from FNS.

**New policy:** The Thrifty Food Plan (TFP), which is developed by the USDA to estimate the cost of a healthy diet across various price points, is used to determine the maximum SNAP allotments. The new SNAP maximum allotments will be effective beginning October 1, 2022.

Additionally, the deduction amounts and income guidelines have been adjusted and are listed below. All the utility allowances have increased. The following amounts are increasing effective October 1, 2022: (a) the standard deduction for AG sizes; (b) excess shelter deduction; (c) maximum homeless shelter deduction; (d) the maximum resource standards; and (e) the gross income standard, net income standard, and separate assistance group standards for elderly and disabled assistance groups eligibility standards.

**Standard Utility Allowance**

\$646

**Limited Utility Allowance**

\$410

**Single Standard Utility Allowance**

\$92

**Single Telephone Allowance**

\$43

**Standard Deduction**

\$193 for an AG size of 1 - 4 persons;  
 \$225 for an AG size of 5 persons; and  
 \$258 for an AG size of 6 or more persons

**Maximum Excess Shelter Deduction**

\$624

**Maximum Homeless Shelter Deduction**

\$166

**Maximum Resource Limit**

\$2,750

**Maximum Resource Limit for Households with at Least  
 One Aged or Disabled Member**

\$4,250

**Maximum Food Assistance Allotments**

<b>AG Size</b>	<b>Maximum Allotment</b>
1	\$281
2	\$516
3	\$740
4	\$939
5	\$1,116
6	\$1,339
7	\$1,480
8	\$1,691
each additional	+\$211
Minimum Allotment	\$23

**Net Income Standards (100% of poverty)**

<b>AG Size</b>	<b>Maximum Income</b>
1	\$1,133
2	\$1,526
3	\$1,920
4	\$2,313
5	\$2,706
6	\$3,100
7	\$3,493
8	\$3,886
each additional	+\$394

**Gross Income Standards (130% of poverty)**

<b>AG Size</b>	<b>Maximum Income</b>
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1	\$1,473
2	\$1,984
3	\$2,495
4	\$3,007
5	\$3,518
6	\$4,029
7	\$4,541
8	\$5,052
each additional	+\$512

**Separate AG Income Standards -- Elderly and Disabled AGs Only (165% of poverty)**

AG Size	Maximum Income
1	\$1,869
2	\$2,518
3	\$3,167
4	\$3,816
5	\$4,465
6	\$5,114
7	\$5,763
8	\$6,412
each additional	+\$649

**Implementation:** The changes for the deductions and income guidelines will be implemented in Ohio Benefits via a mass change beginning in the evening on August 26<sup>th</sup> and ran through the morning of August 29<sup>th</sup>. An exception report will be created for all cases which Ohio Benefits cannot update automatically. The eligibility worker will be required to run the Eligibility Determination/Benefit Calculation (ED/BC), then save and accept the results for those cases to implement these changes. Each assistance group affected by this change will receive a notice with the new amount of benefits they will receive.