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SUBJECT: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) – Simplified Process for Fiscal Year 2027 Standard Utility Allowance (SUA) Values

TO: All SNAP State Agencies
All Regions

On August 15, 2025, the Food and Nutrition Administration (FNA) published the memo titled [“Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program \(SNAP\)- Simplified Process for Fiscal Year 2026 Standard Utility Allowance \(SUA\) Values”](#), which provided State agencies with a simplified option for calculating their Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 SUA values. State agencies were encouraged to use this option while FNA reviewed SNAP regulations pertaining to SUAs and determined changes necessary to comply with the One Big Beautiful Bill Act of 2025 (OB BB).

For FY27, FNA is continuing to offer State agencies a simplified option as changes from OB BB continue to be implemented. State agencies may not use a new SUA methodology to calculate their SUA values without approval from FNA and are required to update their SUA values each year. Due to these requirements, FNA strongly urges State agencies to utilize the following approach.

Simplified Process for Calculating FY27 SUA Values

To determine FY27 SUA values, State agencies may adjust their FY26 SUA values by the change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for All Items between June 2025 and June 2026¹. FNA will readily approve SUA values calculated using this method.

State agencies can submit their proposed values using this adjustment method to their respective FNA Regional Office for expedited review and approval. If applicable, State agencies should include their approved standard medical deduction (SMD) offset value as part of their submissions.

¹ The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for All items (not seasonally adjusted) increased 3.5 percent between June 2025 and June 2026. State agencies can find more information at: <https://www.bls.gov/cpi/data.htm>.

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FNA strongly encourages State agencies to use the simplified option for their FY27 SUA values. If State agencies choose to forgo this option and submit an alternative methodology, FNA will need additional time to review these proposals. Review and approval times may vary based on timing and quality of submissions.

State agencies with questions on their FY27 SUA values should contact their respective FNA Regional Office.

Sincerely,

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