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SUBJECT: SNAP – Fiscal Year 2015 Cost-of-Living Adjustments

TO: All Regional Directors
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

This memorandum provides the fiscal year (FY) 2015 Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA) to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) maximum allotments, income eligibility standards, and deductions. Under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, COLAs are effective as of October 1, 2014.

Act

Attached are FY 2015 COLAs for the 48 contiguous States and D.C., Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. COLAs for Alaska and Hawaii are also included, except for the maximum allotments which will follow under separate cover.

Maximum allotments will increase for the 48 States and D.C., Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. For a family of four receiving a maximum allotment, benefits will increase from \$632 to \$649, an increase of \$17. Updates for Alaska and Hawaii will be released later in August as the Food and Nutrition Service will not receive the Thrifty Food Plan for these areas until mid-August.

The shelter cap values increased \$12 to \$490 for the 48 States and D.C.. The shelter cap values for Alaska, Hawaii, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands also increased. The minimum standard deduction for household sizes 1 through 3 increased to \$155 a month for the 48 States and D.C. Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands also experienced minimal increases in their standard deduction amounts.

Regional Offices should ensure that their States are apprised of these changes. State agencies with questions regarding these adjustments should contact their respective Regional Office representatives. Regional Office staff with questions should contact Autumn McCain at Autumn.McCain@fns.usda.gov.

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Attachment(s)

**SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
OCTOBER 1, 2014 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2015**

**Net Monthly Income Eligibility Standards
(100 Percent of Poverty Level)**

Household Size	48 States, DC, Guam, Virgin Islands	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$973	\$1,215	\$1,119
2	\$1,311	\$1,639	\$1,508
3	\$1,650	\$2,062	\$1,897
4	\$1,988	\$2,485	\$2,286
5	\$2,326	\$2,909	\$2,675
6	\$2,665	\$3,332	\$3,065
7	\$3,003	\$3,755	\$3,454
8	\$3,341	\$4,179	\$3,843
Each additional member	\$339	\$424	\$390

**Gross Monthly Income Eligibility Standards
(130 Percent of Poverty Level)**

Household Size	48 States, DC, Guam, Virgin Islands	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$1,265	\$1,580	\$1,454
2	\$1,705	\$2,130	\$1,960
3	\$2,144	\$2,681	\$2,466
4	\$2,584	\$3,231	\$2,972
5	\$3,024	\$3,781	\$3,478
6	\$3,464	\$4,332	\$3,984
7	\$3,904	\$4,882	\$4,490
8	\$4,344	\$5,432	\$4,996
Each additional member	\$440	\$551	\$506

**Gross Monthly Income Eligibility Standards For Households
Where Elderly Disabled Are A Separate Household
(165 Percent of Poverty Level)**

Household Size	48 States, DC, Guam, Virgin Islands	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$1,605	\$2,005	\$1,846
2	\$2,163	\$2,704	\$2,488
3	\$2,722	\$3,402	\$3,130
4	\$3,280	\$4,101	\$3,772
5	\$3,838	\$4,799	\$4,414
6	\$4,396	\$5,498	\$5,056
7	\$4,955	\$6,196	\$5,698
8	\$5,513	\$6,895	\$6,341
Each additional member	\$559	\$699	\$643

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**SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
MAXIMUM MONTHLY ALLOTMENTS
OCTOBER 1, 2014 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2015**

MAXIMUM SNAP ALLOTMENTS

Household Size	48 States and DC
1	\$194
2	\$357
3	\$511
4	\$649
5	\$771
6	\$925
7	\$1,022
8	\$1,169
Each additional person	\$146

Household Size	Guam
1	\$287
2	\$526
3	\$753
4	\$957
5	\$1,136
6	\$1,364
7	\$1,507
8	\$1,723
Add on	\$215

Household Size	Virgin Islands
1	\$250
2	\$459
3	\$657
4	\$835
5	\$991
6	\$1,189
7	\$1,315
8	\$1,503
Add on	\$188

**MINIMUM SNAP ALLOTMENTS
OCTOBER 1, 2014 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2015**

Household Size	48 States and DC	Guam	U.S. Virgin Islands
1 - 2	\$16	\$23	\$20

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**SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
DEDUCTIONS
OCTOBER 1, 2014 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2015**

STANDARD DEDUCTIONS

Area	Household Size				
	1 -2	3	4	5	6+
48 States and DC	155	155	165	193	221
Alaska	266	266	266	266	277
Hawaii	219	219	219	222	255
Guam	312	312	330	387	443
Virgin Islands	137	137	165	193	221

MAXIMUM SHELTER DEDUCTIONS

Area	Maximum Amount
48 States and DC	490
Alaska	782
Hawaii	660
Guam	575
Virgin Islands	386