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SUBJECT: SNAP – Fiscal Year 2018 Cost-of-Living Adjustments

TO: All Regional Directors
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

This memorandum provides the fiscal year (FY) 2018 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, 2017.

Attached are FY 2018 COLAs for the 48 contiguous States and D.C., Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Maximum allotments will decrease for the 48 States and D.C., Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands and Alaska. For a family of four receiving a maximum allotment, benefits will be \$640. Maximum allotments for Hawaii increased slightly. The minimum benefit for the 48 States and D.C. also decreased to \$15.

The shelter cap values increased by \$18 to \$535 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 \$160 a month for the 48 States and D.C. Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands also experienced increases in their standard deduction amounts for certain household sizes.

The resource limit for households will remain unchanged for the 48 States and the District of Columbia, Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands at \$2,250. The resource limit for households where at least one person is age 60 or older, or is disabled, will increase to \$3,500.

Regional Offices (ROs) should ensure that their States are apprised of these changes. State agencies with questions regarding these adjustments should contact their respective RO representatives. RO staff with questions should contact Sasha Gersten-Paal at Sasha.Gersten-Paal@fns.usda.gov.

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Attachment

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**SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
INCOME ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS
OCTOBER 1, 2017 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2018**

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

Household Size	48 States, DC, Guam, Virgin Islands	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$1,005	\$1,255	\$1,155
2	\$1,354	\$1,691	\$1,556
3	\$1,702	\$2,127	\$1,957
4	\$2,050	\$2,563	\$2,358
5	\$2,399	\$2,999	\$2,759
6	\$2,747	\$3,435	\$3,160
7	\$3,095	\$3,870	\$3,560
8	\$3,444	\$4,306	\$3,961
Each additional member	\$349	\$436	\$401

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

Household Size	48 States, DC, Guam, Virgin Islands	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$1,307	\$1,632	\$1,502
2	\$1,760	\$2,199	\$2,023
3	\$2,213	\$2,765	\$2,544
4	\$2,665	\$3,332	\$3,065
5	\$3,118	\$3,898	\$3,586
6	\$3,571	\$4,465	\$4,107
7	\$4,024	\$5,031	\$4,628
8	\$4,477	\$5,598	\$5,150
Each additional member	\$453	\$567	\$522

**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	\$1,659	\$2,071	\$1,906
2	\$2,233	\$2,790	\$2,568
3	\$2,808	\$3,509	\$3,229
4	\$3,383	\$4,229	\$3,890
5	\$3,958	\$4,948	\$4,552
6	\$4,532	\$5,667	\$5,213
7	\$5,107	\$6,386	\$5,874
8	\$5,682	\$7,105	\$6,536
Each additional member	\$575	\$720	\$662

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**SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
MAXIMUM MONTHLY ALLOTMENTS
OCTOBER 1, 2017 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2018**

MAXIMUM SNAP ALLOTMENTS

Household Size	48 States and DC
1	\$192
2	\$352
3	\$504
4	\$640
5	\$760
6	\$913
7	\$1,009
8	\$1,153
Each additional person	\$144

Household Size	Guam
1	\$283
2	\$519
3	\$743
4	\$944
5	\$1,121
6	\$1,345
7	\$1,487
8	\$1,699
Add on	\$212

Household Size	Virgin Islands
1	\$247
2	\$453
3	\$648
4	\$823
5	\$978
6	\$1,173
7	\$1,297
8	\$1,482
Add on	\$185

Household Size	Alaska		
	Urban	Rural 1	Rural 2
1	\$230	\$293	\$357
2	\$422	\$538	\$655
3	\$604	\$771	\$938
4	\$767	\$979	\$1,191
5	\$911	\$1,162	\$1,415
6	\$1,094	\$1,395	\$1,698
7	\$1,209	\$1,542	\$1,876
8	\$1,382	\$1,762	\$2,145
Add on	\$173	\$220	\$268

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Household Size	Hawaii
1	\$358
2	\$657
3	\$941
4	\$1,195
5	\$1,419
6	\$1,703
7	\$1,883
8	\$2,152
Add on	\$269

**MINIMUM SNAP ALLOTMENTS
OCTOBER 1, 2017 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2018**

Household Size	48 States and DC	Guam	U.S. Virgin Islands	Alaska			Hawaii
				Urban	Rural 1	Rural 2	
1 – 2	\$15	\$23	\$20	\$18	\$24	\$29	\$29

**SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
DEDUCTIONS
OCTOBER 1, 2017 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2018**

STANDARD DEDUCTIONS

Area	Household Size				
	1 -2	3	4	5	6+
48 States and DC	\$160	\$160	\$170	\$199	\$228
Alaska	\$273	\$273	\$273	\$273	\$285
Hawaii	\$225	\$225	\$225	\$229	\$263
Guam	\$321	\$321	\$341	\$399	\$457
Virgin Islands	\$141	\$141	\$170	\$199	\$228

MAXIMUM SHELTER DEDUCTIONS

Area	Maximum Amount
48 States and DC	\$535
Alaska	\$854
Hawaii	\$720
Guam	\$627
Virgin Islands	\$421

**SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
MAXIMUM ASSET LIMITS
OCTOBER 1, 2017 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2018**

Household Type	Maximum Amount
Households with at least one member who is age 60 or older or is disabled	\$3,500
All other households	\$2,250

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