

Information Memorandum Transmittal Office of Self-Sufficiency Programs



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Topic: Food Benefits

Correction: 09/27/2019

Subject: SNAP Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) and Standard Utility Allowance (SUA) Adjustments for October 1, 2019 (Annual Standards Change)

Applies to (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging: Type A | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aging and People with Disabilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Developmental
Disabilities Services (ODDS) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self Sufficiency Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Intensive In
Home Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD program managers | <input type="checkbox"/> Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support Service Brokerage Directors | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please specify</i>): 5503 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Residential Services | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Welfare Programs | |

Message:

The Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) has released the annual Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) changes for the SNAP income eligibility standards and deductions. In addition, this change coincides with the annual Standard Utility Allowance (SUA) adjustment. These adjustments have resulted in the following changes:

- A slight increase in the maximum allotments of the Thrifty Food Plan (TFP), income eligibility standards (100 & 130%), SUA, maximum excess shelter deduction and standard deductions.
- A change to the minimum benefit allotment for 1-2 person benefit groups was increased back to \$16.

Overall, we do not anticipate these changes will result in a decrease in SNAP benefits and will be effective October 1, 2019. However, if this does impact some households, this is considered a mass change so no decision notice will be sent to participants, but a media release will be disseminated to publicize this change per Oregon Administrative Rule [461-175-0250](#)(2) and federal regulations.

Effective October 1, 2019, the new standards **will be reflected** in FSUP, the Family Services Manual & APD Staff Tools. In addition, the MSC 5530, DHS 853, DHS 854, DHS 415R, [FS Calculator](#), [FS Benefits Estimator](#), and [CAPI](#) will be updated. The English versions of these forms will be available online October 1, 2019, while the translated versions in other languages will be posted as we receive them back from translation services. Paper copies of the English language DHS 853 and DHS 854 will be sent to branch offices the first week of October 2019.

SNAP October 1, 2019 Changes

Countable Income Limits (CIL) and Adjusted Income Limits*:

Persons In Filing Group	Countable Income Limit 130% FPL	Adjusted Income Limit 100% FPL
1	\$ 1,354	\$ 1,041
2	\$ 1,832	\$ 1,410
3	\$ 2,311	\$ 1,778
4	\$ 2,790	\$ 2,146
5	\$ 3,269	\$ 2,515
6	\$ 3,748	\$ 2,883
7	\$ 4,227	\$ 3,251
8	\$ 4,705	\$ 3,620
+1	+\$ 479	+\$ 369

Maximum Shelter Deduction:

Deduction	Amount
Maximum Shelter Deduction	\$569

Utility Deductions:

Deduction	Amount
FUA	\$ 444
LUA	\$ 337
TUA	\$ 68
IUA	\$ 54

Standard Deductions:

Household size	1-3	4	5	6+
Standard Deduction	\$ 167	\$ 178	\$ 209	\$ 240

Maximum Allotments (Thrifty Food Plan):

Persons In Filing Group	Amount
1	\$ 194
2	\$ 355
3	\$ 509
4	\$ 646
5	\$ 768
6	\$ 921
7	\$ 1,018
8	\$ 1,164
+1	+ \$ 146

Minimum Allotments for 1-2 HH size:

Household Size	Amount
1 - 2	\$ 16

Resource Limits:

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

Message:

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