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Topic: Food Benefits

Transmitting (check the box that best applies):

- New Policy
 Policy Change
 Policy Clarification
 Executive Letter
 Administrative Rule
 Manual Update
 Other: _____

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 | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD Program Managers | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): |

Policy/Rule Title:	Medical Deductions		
Policy/Rule Number(s):	OAR 461-160-0055	Release No:	
Effective Date:	Immediately	Expiration:	
References:	SNAP F.19 – Medical deduction for elderly/clients with disabilities		
Web Address:			

Discussion/Interpretation:

Due to clarification received from the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) medical deductions will no longer be allowed for the cost of medical marijuana. This change will be made in the policy manual effective August 1, 2012. As you review cases at certification or recertification that are eligible for a medical deduction, you will need to remove any current deductions for medical marijuana cost, and not allow any future anticipated costs. The rule will be amended to reflect this change in the next few days.

Medical deductions are allowed on SNAP cases for an individual who is elderly (age 60 or older) or who meets the SNAP definition of disability. Here are some of the ways that a client can meet the definition of disability:

- Receives Social Security benefits based on disability;
- Receives presumptive medical assistance under title XIX of the Social Security Act;

- Certain individuals who are receiving benefits from the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974;
- Receives VA benefits for nonservice or service-connected disability rated or paid as total.

For a comprehensive definition of disability for the SNAP program please go to the Family Services Manual, Generic Program Information A. – Definitions #21 ([GP-A.21](#)).

Implementation/Transition Instructions: Review transmittal in staff meetings.

Training/Communication Plan: Review with all staff in unit meetings.

Local/Branch Action Required: Apply new policy for actions effective immediately

Central Office Action Required: Policy, and training materials will be updated

Field/Stakeholder review: Yes No

If yes, reviewed by:

Filing Instructions:

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