

# **FAMILY INDEPENDENCE ADMINISTRATION**

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# **POLICY BULLETIN #14-81-OPE**

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# REVISIONS TO THE GUIDE TO SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) BUDGETING (W-204G)

Date:	Subtopic(s):
July 22, 2014	SNAP, Budgeting
This procedure can now be accessed on the FIAweb.  See PB #14-68-ELI for the SUA eligibility changes.	The purpose of this policy bulletin is to inform Job Center and Non Cash Assistance (NCA) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Center staff that the Guide to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Budgeting (W-204G) has been revised to reflect changes in the New York State Nutrition Improvement Project (NYSNIP) benefit allotments effective July 1, 2014.  As a result of changes in the eligibility criteria for the heating/cooling Level I standard utility allowance (SUA), the benefit tiers for NYSNIP Shelter Type Codes 96 and 97 were split to create a new tier that does not reflect the inclusion of a Level I SUA in the benefit calculation for new NYSNIP cases. In addition, the NYSNIP benefit allotments for new NYSNIP households with Shelter Type Code 98 were reduced to reflect the changes in SUA eligibility.  A sample of the revised W-204G is attached.  Job Center Directors and NCA SNAP Center Directors must ensure that all previous versions of Form W-204G are removed from circulation and recycled.  Effective July 1, 2014  References:  GIS 14 TA/DC023 GIS 13 TA/DC034 GIS 13 TA/DC038 GIS 13 TA/DC031

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## **Related Items:**

PB #14-68-ELI
PD #13-32-ELI
PB #13-89-ELI
Standard Utility Allowance (SUA) Changes
January 2014 RSDI/SSI COLA Increases
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
Benefit Reduction

PD #13-21-ELI October 2013 Changes in SNAP Standards

## Attachment:

W-204G

 □ Please use Print on Demand to obtain copies of forms. Guide to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Budgeting (Rev. 7/22/2014)



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## Guide to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Budgeting

(Effective July 1, 2014)

#### 130% GROSS INCOME LIMITS (effective 10/01/13)

Households that do not contain an elderly (60 years of age or older) or disabled individual and do not incur out-of-pocket dependent care expenses are subject to the 130% gross income test.

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Each Additional Member
Monthly Household Income	\$1,245	\$1,681	\$2,116	\$2,552	\$2,987	\$3,423	\$3,858	\$4,294	+ \$436

#### 165% GROSS INCOME LIMITS (effective 10/01/13)

An elderly individual (and his/her spouse) who is living with others and who is unable to purchase and prepare meals because he/she suffers from a permanent disability may be a separate food unit if the income of the others with whom the individual resides (excluding the income of the elderly individual and his/her spouse) does not exceed the 165% gross income limit for the household size of the others.

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7(	3	Each Addition	nal
Monthly Household Income	\$1,580	\$2,133	\$2,686	\$3,239	\$3,791	\$4,344	\$4,897	\$5,450	+\\$553	$\bigvee$

#### 200% GROSS INCOME LIMITS (effective 10/01/13)

Households that contain an elderly or disabled individual or that incur out-of-pocket dependent care expenses that pass the 200% gross income test are categorically eligible to participate in SNAP as long as the household does not contain a SNAP-sanctioned or an Intentional Program Violation (IPV) member.

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Each Additional Member
Monthly Household Income	\$1,915	\$2,585	\$3,255	\$3,925	\$4,595	\$5,265	\$5,935	\$6,605	+ \$670

#### 100% NET INCOME LIMITS (effective 10/01/13)

Households that are not categorically eligible to receive SNAP benefits are subject to the 100% net income test.

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Each Additional Member
Monthly Household Income	\$958	\$1,293	\$1,628	\$1,963	\$2,298	\$2,633	\$2,968	\$3,303	+ \$335

#### STANDARD DEDUCTION AMOUNTS (effective 10/01/13)

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6+
Standard Deduction	\$152	\$152	\$152	\$163	\$191	\$219

#### SHELTER DEDUCTIONS/EXCLUSIONS:

- The maximum excess shelter deduction is \$478 (effective 10/01/13).
- The homeless shelter deduction is \$143 (effective 10/01/95).
- The boarder/lodger exclusion is \$189 for one person and \$347 for two people (effective 11/01/13).

#### STANDARD UTILITY ALLOWANCE (SUA) LEVELS (effective 10/01/13)

SUA Level 1 = \$753	SUA Level 2 = \$298	SUA Level 3 = \$33	

For information on the SUA Levels, see the SUA Levels Desk Guide (W-205HH).

#### THRIFTY FOOD PLAN (TFP) (effective 11/01/13)

The maximum SNAP benefit allotment per household size is as follows:

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Each Additional Member
Maximum SNAP Aliotment	\$189	\$347	\$497	\$632	\$750	\$900	\$995	\$1,137	+ \$142

The minimum monthly \$NAP benefit allotment for eligible one- and two-person households is \$15 (effective 11/01/13).

### NEW YORK STATE NUTRITION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (NYSNIP) BENEFIT AMOUNTS (effective 07/01/14)

SHELTER TYPE CODE	SSI ONLY	SSI AND OTHER INCOME
Shelter Type Code 94 Shelter amount greater than \$242 per month and eligible for full SUA.	\$189	\$189
Shelter Type Code 95 Shelter amount of \$242 or less per month and eligible for full SUA.	\$189	\$183
Shelter Type Code 96 Shelter amount greater than \$242 per month and eligible for full SUA with \$21 HEAP.	\$189	\$189
Shelter Type Code 96 Shelter amount greater than \$242 per month and no SUA.	\$25	\$16
Shelter Type Code 97 Shelter amount of \$242 or less per month and eligible for full SUA with \$21 HEAP.	\$189	\$183
Shelter Type Code 97 Shelter amount of \$242 or less per month and no SUA.	\$15	\$15
Shelter Type Code 98 Shelter amount and SUA eligibility unknown.	\$15	\$15