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FOOD STAMP INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES: DESK GUIDE (W-204G)

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<p> This procedure can now be accessed on the FIAweb.</p> <p> Please use Print on Demand to obtain copies of forms.</p>	<p>This policy bulletin is to inform all Job Center and Non-Public Assistance (NPA) Food Stamp (FS) Office staff that revisions have been made to the Food Stamp Income Eligibility Guidelines: Desk Guide (W-204G) to conform to the October 1, 2004, cost of living adjustments for the Food Stamp Program that were released by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).</p> <p>The W-204G provides revised figures that represent the 130-percent gross income test on a monthly, biweekly and weekly basis, and includes the revised maximum monthly net income per family size.</p> <p>Staff must utilize the new income guidelines described on the W-204G when assessing Food Stamp eligibility.</p> <p>A sample of the form has been attached.</p> <p>Center Directors and NPA Food Stamp Managers must ensure that all previous versions of the form are recycled.</p> <p><i>Effective Immediately</i></p> <p>Attachment:</p> <p>W-204G Food Stamp Income Eligibility Guidelines: Desk Guide (Rev. 5/24/05)</p>

HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS PROCEDURE?
Call 718-557-1313 then press 2 at the prompt followed by 765 or
send an e-mail to *FIA Call Center*

Food Stamp Income Eligibility Guidelines: Desk Guide

(Effective 10/1/2004)

Household income must not exceed these guidelines:

Household Size	130% GROSS INCOME TEST			NET INCOME TEST
	Monthly	Biweekly	Weekly	Monthly
1	\$ 1,009.00	\$ 465.72	\$ 232.86	\$ 776.00
2	\$ 1,354.00	\$ 624.96	\$ 312.48	\$ 1,041.00
3	\$ 1,698.00	\$ 783.74	\$ 391.87	\$ 1,306.00
4	\$ 2,043.00	\$ 942.98	\$ 471.49	\$ 1,571.00
5	\$ 2,387.00	\$ 1,101.76	\$ 550.88	\$ 1,836.00
6	\$ 2,732.00	\$ 1,261.02	\$ 630.51	\$ 2,101.00
7	\$ 3,076.00	\$ 1,419.80	\$ 709.90	\$ 2,366.00
8	\$ 3,421.00	\$ 1,579.04	\$ 789.52	\$ 2,631.00
Each Additional Member	+ \$ 345.00	+ \$ 159.24	+ \$ 79.62	+ \$ 265.00

Important information regarding certain households:

- Households which contain an elderly (age 60 or older) or disabled member must meet the net income eligibility standards only.
- Households in which all members receive, or are authorized to receive, FA, SNA and/or SSI benefits are categorically eligible for Food Stamp (FS) benefits because of their status as FA, SNA and/or SSI recipients. The FS gross and/or net income limits are not applied as eligibility criteria to these households.