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OCTOBER 2017 CHANGES FOR NYSNIP HOUSEHOLDS

Date: September 20, 2017	Subtopic(s): NYSNIP																								
<p>The NYSNIP benefit levels are listed on the Guide to SNAP Budgeting (W-204G).</p>	<p>The purpose of this policy bulletin is to inform Non Cash Assistance (NCA) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Center staff of the changes in the New York State Nutrition Improvement Project (NYSNIP) standardized benefit levels. These changes are due to the annual adjustments in SNAP allotments and deductions and are effective October 1, 2017.</p> <p>The NYSNIP standardized benefit levels effective October 1, 2017 are as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="479 1039 1445 1344"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>SSI only</th> <th>SSI + other income</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Shelter Type Code 94</td> <td>\$192</td> <td>\$192</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Shelter Type Code 95</td> <td>\$192</td> <td>\$192</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Shelter Type Code 96</td> <td>\$192</td> <td>\$192</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Shelter Type Code 96 (No SUA)</td> <td>\$ 24</td> <td>\$ 15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Shelter Type Code 97</td> <td>\$192</td> <td>\$192</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Shelter Type Code 97 (No SUA)</td> <td>\$ 15</td> <td>\$ 15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Shelter Type Code 98</td> <td>\$ 15</td> <td>\$ 15</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		SSI only	SSI + other income	Shelter Type Code 94	\$192	\$192	Shelter Type Code 95	\$192	\$192	Shelter Type Code 96	\$192	\$192	Shelter Type Code 96 (No SUA)	\$ 24	\$ 15	Shelter Type Code 97	\$192	\$192	Shelter Type Code 97 (No SUA)	\$ 15	\$ 15	Shelter Type Code 98	\$ 15	\$ 15
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<p>State Notice</p>	<p>The State mailed the Mass Notice of Intent to Change SNAP/NYC October 2017 (see Attachment A) to all SNAP households.</p>																								
<p>System changes</p>	<p>The Welfare Management System (WMS) has been programmed to reflect the NYSNIP benefit changes. Most cases were re-budgeted centrally through a mass re-budget on the weekend of September 16-17, 2017. Cases that were centrally re-budgeted have a 10/A/17 budget effective date and can be identified by the unique authorization number 44446010.</p> <p><i>Effective October 1, 2017</i></p>																								

HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS PROCEDURE?
Call 718-557-1313 then press 3 at the prompt followed by 1 or send an e-mail to *FIA Call Center Fax* or fax to: (917) 639-0298

Reference:


GIS 17 TA/DC032

Related Item:

PD #17-21-ELI October 2017 Changes in SNAP Standards

Attachment:

Attachment A Mass Notice of Intent to Change SNAP/NYC
October 2017

 Please use Print on Demand to obtain copies of forms.

Case Number:
Loc. Off./Unit Worker:General Telephone No. for
Questions or Help:

Dear SNAP Recipient:

The "Thrifty Food Plan" (TFP) is the maximum amount of SNAP benefits, per household size. Beginning October 1, 2017, the maximum amounts of SNAP benefits per household size will decrease. The new TFP amounts will be:

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Maximum Allotment	\$192	\$352	\$504	\$640	\$760	\$913	\$1,009	\$1,153

Each additional household member add \$144.00

The minimum SNAP benefit amount that a one or two-person household can receive will decrease to \$15.00 per month.

Beginning October 1, 2017, some standards and deductions used to figure the amount of SNAP benefits a household gets will change. This is the result of federally-required changes. The SNAP Maximum Excess Shelter Deduction will increase by \$18, from \$517 to \$535.

The standard deduction amounts that will be used in the SNAP budgeting as of October 1, 2017 are:

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6+
Standard Deduction	\$160	\$160	\$160	\$170	\$199	\$228

The new Standard Utility Allowance (SUA) amounts, as of October 1, 2017 are:

New York City	Old SUA Values	New SUA Values
Heating / Air Conditioning SUA Values	\$758	\$791
Basic Utility SUA Values	\$300	\$313
Phone SUA	\$33	\$30

(Note: The SUA values other than the Phone SUA include amounts for water, sewage, and trash collection)

These changes may affect the amount of SNAP benefits you get. Depending on your individual circumstance the amount of your monthly SNAP benefit may not change, or it may decrease or increase as a result of these changes.

The Regulations which allows us to do this are **18 NYCRR 358-3.3(e)(1)(i), 387.10, 387.12 and 387.15.**

Reporting Rules

Most SNAP households with income only have to report changes every six months. Every six months, you either will be asked to recertify, or will be mailed a form for you to use to report changes. **The one exception to this rule is if your household's gross monthly income becomes more than 130% of the federal poverty level.** Your gross income includes all income any member of your household received during the calendar month before taxes and other deductions are taken out, not the amount you receive when you receive your check.

See Chart Below. The dollar amount shown under your household size shows the new 130% of poverty income limit for your household, as of October 1, 2017. If your household's gross monthly income becomes greater than this amount, you must report the new gross monthly income amount to your social services office by phone, in writing, or in person within 10 days after the end of the month.

Report Household Gross Income Over the Income Limits Below based on Your Household Size										
HOUSEHOLD SIZE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Report if Gross Household Income Goes Over:	\$1,307	\$1,760	\$2,213	\$2,665	\$3,118	\$3,571	\$4,024	\$4,477	\$4,930	\$5,383

Some households must report changes in their household circumstances within 10 days of the month following the month in which the change occurred. You must follow this reporting rule if your household has no income at all, if your household has no income from employment and all adults are either over age 60 or disabled, or if you receive SSI/SSD and you live in a state certified group home. Also, if your household contains a seasonal migrant farmworker, or if your household is certified for fewer than four months, or if your household is homeless ("undomiciled", without any shelter).

The reduction to your SNAP benefits is a federally-mandated mass change to SNAP benefits amounts. Pursuant to federal regulations at 7 CFR 271.7(f), there is no right to a fair hearing to dispute this reduction. If you think some other mistake, such as an improper computation, was made in figuring your SNAP benefits, you may ask for a Fair Hearing within 90 days of when your October 2017 SNAP benefits become available. You can ask for a fair hearing by writing to: Office of Administrative Hearings, New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, P.O. Box 1930, Albany, New York 12201; Faxing (518) 473-6735; on-line by requesting a form at: <http://www.otda.ny.gov/oah/forms.asp>; or by calling toll-free: 1-800-342-3334.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE: If you think you need a lawyer to help you with this problem, you may be able to get a lawyer at no cost to you by contacting your local Legal Aid Society or other legal advocate group. For the names of other lawyers, check your Yellow Pages under "Lawyers".