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

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	<p>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.</p> <p>The W-204G has been revised to reflect changes in the New York State Nutrition Improvement Project (NYSNIP) standardized benefit levels due to the annual Supplemental Security Income (SSI) cost of living adjustment (COLA) and to reflect the change in the NYSNIP shelter cost threshold. The changes are effective January 1, 2019.</p> <p>Job Center Directors and NCA SNAP Center Directors must ensure that all previous versions of Form W-204G are removed from circulation and recycled.</p> <p>A sample of the revised W-204G is attached.</p> <p><i>Effective January 1, 2019</i></p> <p>Related Item:</p> <p>PB #18-80-ELI January 2019 Social Security COLA Changes for NYSNIP Households</p> <p>Attachment:</p> <p>W-204G Guide to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Budgeting (Rev. 12/17/18)</p>

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Guide to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Budgeting

(Effective January 1, 2019)



130% GROSS INCOME LIMITS (effective 10/01/18)

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 and do not have earned income are subject to the 130% gross income test.

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Each Additional Member
Monthly Household Income	\$1,316	\$1,784	\$2,252	\$2,720	\$3,188	\$3,656	\$4,124	\$4,592	+ \$468

165% GROSS INCOME LIMITS (effective 10/01/18)

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	8	Each Additional Member
Monthly Household Income	\$1,670	\$2,264	\$2,858	\$3,452	\$4,046	\$4,640	\$5,234	\$5,828	+ \$594

200% GROSS INCOME LIMITS (effective 10/01/18)

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	\$2,023	\$2,743	\$3,463	\$4,183	\$4,903	\$5,623	\$6,343	\$7,063	+ \$720

150% GROSS INCOME LIMITS (effective 10/01/18)

Households that have earned income that do not contain an elderly or disabled individual and do not incur out-of-pocket dependent care expenses that pass the 150% gross income test are categorically eligible to participate in SNAP as long as the household does not contain a SNAP sanctioned or an IPV member.

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Each Additional Member
Monthly Household Income	\$1,518	\$2,058	\$2,598	\$3,138	\$3,678	\$4,218	\$4,758	\$5,298	+ \$540

100% NET INCOME LIMITS (effective 10/01/18)

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	\$1,012	\$1,372	\$1,732	\$2,092	\$2,452	\$2,812	\$3,172	\$3,532	+ \$360

STANDARD DEDUCTION AMOUNTS (effective 10/01/18)

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6+
Standard Deduction	\$164	\$164	\$164	\$174	\$204	\$234

SHELTER DEDUCTIONS/EXCLUSIONS:

- The maximum excess shelter deduction is **\$552** (effective 10/01/18).
- The homeless shelter deduction is **\$143** (effective 10/01/95).
- The boarder/lodger exclusion is **\$192** for one person and **\$353** for two people (effective 10/01/18).

STANDARD UTILITY ALLOWANCE (SUA) LEVELS (effective 10/01/18)

SUA Level 1 = \$800	SUA Level 2 = \$316	SUA Level 3 = \$30
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For information on the SUA Levels, see the SUA Levels Desk Guide (W-205HH).

THRIFTY FOOD PLAN (TFP) (effective 10/01/18)

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 Allotment	\$192	\$353	\$505	\$642	\$762	\$914	\$1,011	\$1,155	+ \$144

The minimum monthly SNAP benefit allotment for eligible one- and two-person households is **\$15** (effective 10/01/18).

NEW YORK STATE NUTRITION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (NYSNIP) BENEFIT AMOUNTS (effective 01/01/19)

SHELTER TYPE CODE	SSI ONLY	SSI AND OTHER INCOME
Shelter Type Code 94 Shelter amount greater than \$257 per month and eligible for full SUA.	\$192	\$192
Shelter Type Code 95 Shelter amount of \$257 or less per month and eligible for full SUA.	\$192	\$187
Shelter Type Code 96 Shelter amount greater than \$257 per month and eligible for full SUA with \$21 HEAP.	\$192	\$192
Shelter Type Code 96 Shelter amount greater than \$257 per month and no SUA.	\$15	\$15
Shelter Type Code 97 Shelter amount of \$257 or less per month and eligible for full SUA with \$21 HEAP.	\$192	\$187
Shelter Type Code 97 Shelter amount of \$257 or less per month and no SUA.	\$15	\$15
Shelter Type Code 98 Shelter amount and SUA eligibility unknown.	\$15	\$15