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**TEMPORARY INCREASE IN NYSNIP STANDARDIZED BENEFIT LEVELS
DUE TO COVID-19**

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<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 increases in the New York State Nutrition Improvement Project (NYSNIP) standardized benefit levels.</p> <p>The increases in the NYSNIP standardized benefit levels are due to the enactment of the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 which temporarily raised SNAP maximum allotments by 15% for the period January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021.</p> <p>The NYSNIP standardized benefit levels from January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021 are as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="479 1081 1471 1386"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th><u>SSI only</u></th> <th><u>SSI and other income</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Shelter Type Code 94</td> <td>\$234</td> <td>\$234</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Shelter Type Code 95</td> <td>\$232</td> <td>\$223</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Shelter Type Code 96</td> <td>\$234</td> <td>\$234</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Shelter Type Code 96 (No SUA)</td> <td>\$ 19</td> <td>\$ 19</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Shelter Type Code 97</td> <td>\$232</td> <td>\$223</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Shelter Type Code 97 (No SUA)</td> <td>\$ 19</td> <td>\$ 19</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Shelter Type Code 98</td> <td>\$ 19</td> <td>\$ 19</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		<u>SSI only</u>	<u>SSI and other income</u>	Shelter Type Code 94	\$234	\$234	Shelter Type Code 95	\$232	\$223	Shelter Type Code 96	\$234	\$234	Shelter Type Code 96 (No SUA)	\$ 19	\$ 19	Shelter Type Code 97	\$232	\$223	Shelter Type Code 97 (No SUA)	\$ 19	\$ 19	Shelter Type Code 98	\$ 19	\$ 19
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<p>System changes</p>	<p>The Welfare Management System (WMS) will be programmed to reflect the NYSNIP benefit increases. Most cases will be re-budgeted centrally on the weekend of January 22-24, 2021. Cases that are centrally re-budgeted will have a 1/A/21 budget effective date and can be identified by the unique authorization number 20200382. As part of the re-budgeting process, all stored budgets that are affected by these changes will also be re-budgeted effective 1/A/21.</p>																								

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For January 2021, the increased standardized benefits will be issued as supplemental payments to all eligible NYSNIP households. These payments will be issued simultaneously with the SNAP Emergency Allotment Supplements that maximize the SNAP benefits of households not already getting the maximum benefit for their household's size.

In lieu of mailing notices to households, OTDA will use public announcements via social media, print media and postings by districts, community partners and other similar outlets.

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Related Item:

PB #21-02-ELI Temporary Increase in SNAP Allotments Due to COVID-19