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**POLICY BULLETIN #21-66-ELI**

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**JANUARY 2022 SOCIAL SECURITY COLA CHANGES FOR NYSNIP HOUSEHOLDS**

<p><b>Date:</b> December 13, 2021</p>	<p><b>Subtopic(s):</b> NYSNIP</p>
	<p>The purpose of this policy bulletin is to inform Non-Cash Assistance Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (NCA SNAP) Center staff of the changes in the New York State Nutrition Improvement Project (NYSNIP) standardized benefit levels and in the shelter cost threshold to be considered high shelter. These changes are due to the annual Supplemental Security Income (SSI) cost of living adjustment (COLA) and are effective January 1, 2022.</p> <p>The standardized SNAP benefit level for NYSNIP households with Shelter Type Code <b>95</b> (NYSNIP – low shelter costs) and Shelter Type Code <b>97</b> (NYSNIP – low shelter costs) that qualify for the heating/cooling standard utility allowance (SUA) and who receive SSI and other income will decrease from \$250 to \$242.</p> <p>The standardized SNAP benefit level for NYSNIP households with Shelter Type Code <b>96</b> (NYSNIP – high shelter costs) that do not qualify for the heating/cooling SUA and who receive SSI only will decrease from \$64 to \$43 while those who receive SSI and other income will decrease from \$55 to \$34.</p> <p>The standardized SNAP benefit level for NYSNIP households with Shelter Type Code <b>97</b> (NYSNIP – low shelter costs) that do not qualify for the heating/cooling SUA and who receive SSI only will decrease from \$38 to \$24 while those who receive SSI and other income will decrease from \$32 to \$20.</p> <p>The standardized SNAP benefit level for NYSNIP households with Shelter Type Code <b>98</b> (NYSNIP – SUA and shelter unknown) who receive SSI only will decrease from \$38 to \$24 while those who receive SSI and other income will decrease from \$32 to \$20.</p> <p>All other NYSNIP standardized benefit levels will remain the same.</p>

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The NYSNIP benefit levels are listed on the Guide to SNAP Budgeting (**W-204G**).

The NYSNIP standardized benefit levels effective January 1, 2022 are as follows:

	<u>SSI only</u>	<u>SSI and other income</u>
Shelter Type Code <b>94</b>	\$250	\$250
Shelter Type Code <b>95</b>	\$250	\$242
Shelter Type Code <b>96</b>	\$250	\$250
Shelter Type Code <b>96</b> (No SUA)	\$ 43	\$ 34
Shelter Type Code <b>97</b>	\$250	\$242
Shelter Type Code <b>97</b> (No SUA)	\$ 24	\$ 20
Shelter Type Code <b>98</b>	\$ 24	\$ 20

Change in the NYSNIP shelter cost threshold

The NYSNIP shelter cost threshold to be considered as “High Shelter” (Shelter Type Codes **94** and **96**) will change from greater than \$264 per month to greater than \$278 per month and the shelter cost threshold to be considered as “Low Shelter” (Shelter Type Codes **95** and **97**) will change from \$264 or less per month to \$278 or less per month.

State notice

The State mailed the Notice of Mass Change (see **Attachment A**) to NYSNIP households that will incur a decrease in their SNAP benefits.

System changes

The Welfare Management System (WMS) has been programmed to reflect the NYSNIP benefit changes. A mass re-budget (MRB) will be run in WMS on December 18, 2021. Cases that are re-budgeted will have a 01/A/22 budget effective date.

*Effective January 1, 2022*

**Related Item:**

PD #21-09-ELI      January 2022 RSDI/SSI COLA Increases

**Attachment:**

**Attachment A**      Notice of Mass Change