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SUBJECT: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) – Fiscal Year (FY) 2010
SNAP Cost-of-Living Adjustments

TO: All Regional Directors
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

Attached are the fiscal year (FY) 2010 Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLAS) to the SNAP income eligibility standards and deductions for the 48 contiguous States and D.C., Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), the maximum and minimum allotments for each area remain unchanged for FY 2010. ARRA raised the maximum SNAP allotments by 13.6 percent of the June 2008 value of the Thrifty Food Plan (TFP) and provided that benefits could not decline below this level. Although final data are not yet available, Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) projects that the Alaska and Hawaii maximum and minimum allotments will also remain unchanged for FY 2010 because of the stimulus provisions. If this is not the case once final data are released, FNS will issue revised numbers for these areas.

Although the TFP for the reference family of four decreased 0.83 percent from June 2008 to June 2009, ARRA protects SNAP households from this erosion in purchasing power. To illustrate, the maximum monthly allotment for a 4-person household in the 48 States and DC is currently \$668 and will remain unchanged for FY 2010. In the absence of ARRA, the maximum allotment for a 4-person household would have declined to \$583 for FY 2010, a \$5 decline from the pre-ARRA FY 2009 maximum allotment of \$588. Thus, ARRA resulted in an overall increase of \$85 in SNAP benefits.

In addition, the amount of the minimum standard deduction, which is indexed to inflation beginning FY 2010, decreased from \$144 to \$141 a month for household sizes 1 through 3 in the 48 States and DC. Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, and the USVI also experienced declines in the minimum standard deduction amounts for certain household sizes.

These COLAS go into effect on October 1, 2009. State agencies with questions regarding these adjustments should contact their respective Regional Office representatives. Regional office staff with questions should contact their liaisons in the Certification Policy Branch.

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Attachment(s)

**SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
OCTOBER 1, 2009 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2010**

**Net Monthly Income Eligibility Standards
(100 Percent of Poverty Level)**

Household Size	48 States, DC, Guam, Virgin Islands	Alaska	Hawaii
1	903	1,128	1,039
2	1,215	1,518	1,397
3	1,526	1,908	1,755
4	1,838	2,298	2,114
5	2,150	2,688	2,472
6	2,461	3,078	2,830
7	2,773	3,468	3,189
8	3,085	3,858	3,547
Each additional member	312	390	359

**Gross Monthly Income Eligibility Standards
(130 Percent of Poverty Level)**

Household Size	48 States, DC, Guam, Virgin Islands	Alaska	Hawaii
1	1,174	1,466	1,350
2	1,579	1,973	1,816
3	1,984	2,480	2,282
4	2,389	2,987	2,748
5	2,794	3,494	3,214
6	3,200	4,001	3,679
7	3,605	4,508	4,145
8	4,010	5,015	4,611
Each additional member	406	507	466

**Gross Monthly Income Eligibility Standards For Households
Where Elderly Disabled Are A Separate Household
(165 Percent of Poverty Level)**

Household Size	48 States, DC, Guam, Virgin Islands	Alaska	Hawaii
1	1,490	1,861	1,714
2	2,004	2,504	2,305
3	2,518	3,148	2,896
4	3,032	3,791	3,487
5	3,547	4,435	4,079
6	4,061	5,078	4,670
7	4,575	5,722	5,261
8	5,089	6,365	5,852
Each additional member	515	644	592

**SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
MAXIMUM MONTHLY ALLOTMENTS
OCTOBER 2009 TO SEPTEMBER 2010**

MAXIMUM SNAP ALLOTMENTS

Household Size	48 States and DC
1	\$200
2	\$367
3	\$526
4	\$668
5	\$793
6	\$952
7	\$1,052
8	\$1,202
Each additional person	\$150

Household Size	Alaska		
	Urban	Rural 1	Rural 2
1	239	304	371
2	438	559	680
3	627	800	974
4	797	1,016	1,237
5	946	1,207	1,469
6	1,135	1,448	1,762
7	1,255	1,600	1,948
8	1,434	1,829	2,226
Add on	179	229	278

Household Size	Hawaii
1	\$314
2	\$575
3	\$824
4	\$1,046
5	\$1,243
6	\$1,491
7	\$1,648
8	\$1,884
Add on	236

**SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
MAXIMUM MONTHLY ALLOTMENTS
OCTOBER 2009 TO SEPTEMBER 2010**

MAXIMUM SNAP ALLOTMENTS

Household Size	Guam
1	\$295
2	\$541
3	\$775
4	\$985
5	\$1,169
6	\$1,403
7	\$1,551
8	\$1,773
Add on	\$222

Household Size	Virgin Islands
1	\$257
2	\$472
3	\$676
4	\$859
5	\$1,020
6	\$1,224
7	\$1,353
8	\$1,546
Add on	\$193

**SUPPLEMENAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
DEDUCTIONS
OCTOBER 2009 TO SEPTEMBER 2010**

STANDARD DEDUCTIONS

Area	Household Size				
	1 -2	3	4	5	6+
48 States and DC	\$141	\$141	\$153	\$179	\$205
Alaska	\$241	\$241	\$241	\$241	\$256
Hawaii	\$198	\$198	\$198	\$205	\$235
Guam	\$283	\$283	\$305	\$357	\$409
Virgin Islands	\$124	\$127	\$153	\$179	\$205

MAXIMUM SHELTER DEDUCTIONS

Area	Maximum Amount
48 States and DC	\$459
Alaska	\$733
Hawaii	\$618
Guam	\$538
Virgin Islands	\$361