


FAMILY INVESTMENT ADMINISTRATION

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**TO: LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES (LDSS)
DIRECTORS, LDSS DEPUTY/ASSISTANT DIRECTORS FOR
FAMILY INVESTMENT, FAMILY INVESTMENT SUPERVISORS AND
ELIGIBILITY STAFF**

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**RE: SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)
MASS CHANGES FOR OCTOBER 2024**

**PROGRAM AFFECTED: SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM (SNAP)**

ORIGINATING OFFICE: OFFICE OF PROGRAMS

Summary

Each August, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) publishes the updated [standards for income and deductions](#) for the next federal fiscal year (FFY). The deductions changed for FFY25. Effective October 1, 2024, standard deductions, excess shelter deductions, homeless shelter deductions, maximum allotments, and income eligibility for all categorically eligible households for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP) increased. This Action Transmittal (AT) replaces [AT #24-16 \(SNAP MASS CHANGES\) Impacted Maximum Allotments, Income Eligibility Standards, and Deductions](#).

FFY25 Maximum Allotments

Maximum allotments increased in Maryland for all family sizes. Income eligibility for all household sizes increased in each eligible category. The chart below provides a breakout of the income eligibility and maximum allotment amounts effective October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025.

Household Size	Maximum Gross Monthly Income* 130% of Poverty	Maximum Net Monthly Income* 100% of Poverty	Monthly Income Elderly/Disabled Separate Household* 165% of Poverty	Maximum Allotment
1	\$1,632	\$1,255	\$2,071	\$292
2	\$2,215	\$1,704	\$2,811	\$536
3	\$2,798	\$2,152	\$3,551	\$768
4	\$3,380	\$2,600	\$4,290	\$975
5	\$3,963	\$3,049	\$5,030	\$1,158
6	\$4,546	\$3,497	\$5,770	\$1,390
7	\$5,129	\$3,945	\$6,510	\$1,536
8	\$5,712	\$4,394	\$7,249	\$1,756
Each additional member	\$583	\$449	\$740	\$220

FFY25 Standard Deductions and Allowances

The required reporting threshold for a household is \$125, i.e., a household is required to report income changes if their earned/unearned income changes by more than \$125. The table below provides the standard deduction for different SNAP household sizes. ***The federal fiscal year 2025 excess shelter deduction is \$712.***

Household Size	Standard Deduction Amount
3	\$204
4	\$217
5	\$254
6+	\$172

The excess shelter deduction is a deduction for shelter costs that exceed half of a household's net income after other deductions. The excess shelter deduction does not apply to households with an aged or disabled member. Households with an aged or disabled member receive an uncapped shelter deduction. Additionally, the maximum homeless shelter deduction increased to \$190.

On January 1, 2025 the Standard Utility Allowance (SUA) increases to \$555, and the Limited Utility Allowance increases to \$340. The current SUA Allowance, \$551 and LUA Allowance, \$337 are effective through December 31, 2024; the Telephone Standard Allowance remains at \$40. The Eligibility and Enrollment (E&E) system automatically generated customer notices for the above-listed changes.

Action Required Regarding Homeless Shelter Deduction

Households in which all members are homeless, but who do not receive free shelter, qualify for the homeless shelter deduction. The LDSS must use actual shelter expenses, rather than the homeless shelter deduction if the actual shelter cost results in an excess shelter deduction that is **higher than the \$190 homeless deduction**. The case worker must enter the actual shelter costs on the shelter expenses screen. E&E will evaluate the expenses entered and give the appropriate deduction (counting the expenses on the shelter expenses screen or the Homeless Shelter Deduction, whichever is higher).

Note: Shelter expenses should be captured on the 'Shelter' screen within E&E. The case should be narrated sufficiently to describe the household's actual shelter expenses.

Payment Accuracy

The changes in income and standard deductions for SNAP benefits will not affect payment accuracy.

Resources

1. [115 Categorical Eligibility NOV 2024.pdf](#)
2. [600 Standards for Income and Deductions NOV 2024.docx.pdf](#)
3. [October 2024 Income Guidelines- revised 09.2024.pdf](#)
4. [SNAP – Fiscal Year 2025 Cost-of-Living Adjustments](#)

Inquiries

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