



SUBJECT: SNAP – Fiscal Year 2026 Cost-of-Living Adjustments

TO: All State Agencies
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

This memorandum provides the fiscal year (FY) 2026 Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA) to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) maximum allotments, income eligibility standards, and deductions. In accordance with the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, the COLAs are effective as of October 1, 2025.

Attached are FY 2026 COLAs for the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia (D.C.), Alaska, Guam, Hawaii, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The maximum allotments will increase for the 48 States and D.C., Alaska, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The maximum allotment for a family of four in the 48 States and D.C., will be \$994. Maximum allotments for a family of four will range from \$1,285 to \$1,995 in Alaska. The maximum allotment for a family of four will be \$1,465 in Guam, and \$1,278 in the U.S. Virgin Islands. The maximum allotment for a family of four in Hawaii will decrease to \$1,689. The minimum benefit for the 48 States and D.C. will increase to \$24.

The shelter cap value will increase to \$744 for the 48 States and D.C. The shelter cap values for Alaska, Guam, Hawaii, and the U.S. Virgin Islands will also increase. The maximum homeless shelter deduction will increase to \$198.99 for the 48 States and D.C., Alaska, Guam, Hawaii, and the U.S. Virgins Islands. The standard deduction for household sizes 1 through 3 increased to \$209 a month for the 48 States and D.C. The standard deduction amounts in Alaska, Guam, Hawaii, and the U.S. Virgin Islands will also increase.

The asset limit for households will remain unchanged for the 48 States and D.C., Alaska, Guam, Hawaii, and the U.S. Virgin Islands at \$3,000. The asset limit for households where at least one person is age 60 or older, or is disabled, will also remain unchanged at \$4,500.

Regional Offices should ensure that their State agencies are aware of these changes. State agencies with questions regarding these adjustments should contact their respective Regional Office representatives.

Sincerely,

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**SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
INCOME ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS
OCTOBER 1, 2025, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2026**

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

| Household Size | 48 States, D.C., Guam, Virgin Islands | Alaska | Hawaii |
|------------------------|--|---------------|---------------|
| 1 | \$1,305 | \$1,630 | \$1,500 |
| 2 | \$1,763 | \$2,203 | \$2,027 |
| 3 | \$2,221 | \$2,776 | \$2,555 |
| 4 | \$2,680 | \$3,350 | \$3,082 |
| 5 | \$3,138 | \$3,923 | \$3,610 |
| 6 | \$3,596 | \$4,496 | \$4,137 |
| 7 | \$4,055 | \$5,070 | \$4,665 |
| 8 | \$4,513 | \$5,643 | \$5,192 |
| Each additional member | \$459 | \$574 | \$528 |

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

| Household Size | 48 States, D.C., Guam, Virgin Islands | Alaska | Hawaii |
|------------------------|--|---------------|---------------|
| 1 | \$1,696 | \$2,118 | \$1,949 |
| 2 | \$2,292 | \$2,864 | \$2,635 |
| 3 | \$2,888 | \$3,609 | \$3,321 |
| 4 | \$3,483 | \$4,354 | \$4,007 |
| 5 | \$4,079 | \$5,100 | \$4,692 |
| 6 | \$4,675 | \$5,845 | \$5,378 |
| 7 | \$5,271 | \$6,590 | \$6,064 |
| 8 | \$5,867 | \$7,336 | \$6,750 |
| Each additional member | \$596 | \$746 | \$686 |

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

| Household Size | 48 States, D.C., Guam, Virgin Islands | Alaska | Hawaii |
|------------------------|--|---------------|---------------|
| 1 | \$2,152 | \$2,689 | \$2,474 |
| 2 | \$2,909 | \$3,635 | \$3,344 |
| 3 | \$3,665 | \$4,581 | \$4,215 |
| 4 | \$4,421 | \$5,527 | \$5,085 |
| 5 | \$5,177 | \$6,473 | \$5,956 |
| 6 | \$5,934 | \$7,419 | \$6,826 |
| 7 | \$6,690 | \$8,365 | \$7,696 |
| 8 | \$7,446 | \$9,311 | \$8,567 |
| Each additional member | \$757 | \$946 | \$871 |

**SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
MAXIMUM MONTHLY ALLOTMENTS
OCTOBER 1, 2025, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2026**

Maximum SNAP Allotments for 48 States and D.C.

| Household Size | 48 States and D.C. |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | \$298 |
| 2 | \$546 |
| 3 | \$785 |
| 4 | \$994 |
| 5 | \$1,183 |
| 6 | \$1,421 |
| 7 | \$1,571 |
| 8 | \$1,789 |
| Each additional person | \$218 |

Maximum SNAP Allotments for Guam

| Household Size | Guam |
|------------------------|-------------|
| 1 | \$439 |
| 2 | \$806 |
| 3 | \$1,157 |
| 4 | \$1,465 |
| 5 | \$1,743 |
| 6 | \$2,095 |
| 7 | \$2,315 |
| 8 | \$2,637 |
| Each additional person | \$322 |

Maximum SNAP Allotments for U.S. Virgin Islands

| Household Size | Virgin Islands |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | \$383 |
| 2 | \$703 |
| 3 | \$1,009 |
| 4 | \$1,278 |
| 5 | \$1,521 |
| 6 | \$1,827 |
| 7 | \$2,019 |
| 8 | \$2,300 |
| Each additional person | \$281 |

Maximum SNAP Allotments for Alaska

| Household Size | Alaska (Urban) | Alaska (Rural 1) | Alaska (Rural 2) |
|------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1 | \$385 | \$491 | \$598 |
| 2 | \$707 | \$901 | \$1,097 |
| 3 | \$1,015 | \$1,295 | \$1,576 |
| 4 | \$1,285 | \$1,639 | \$1,995 |
| 5 | \$1,529 | \$1,950 | \$2,374 |
| 6 | \$1,838 | \$2,344 | \$2,853 |
| 7 | \$2,031 | \$2,590 | \$3,152 |
| 8 | \$2,314 | \$2,950 | \$3,591 |
| Each additional person | \$282 | \$360 | \$438 |

Maximum SNAP Allotments for Hawaii

| Household Size | Hawaii |
|------------------------|---------|
| 1 | \$506 |
| 2 | \$929 |
| 3 | \$1,334 |
| 4 | \$1,689 |
| 5 | \$2,010 |
| 6 | \$2,415 |
| 7 | \$2,668 |
| 8 | \$3,040 |
| Each additional person | \$371 |

**MINIMUM SNAP ALLOTMENTS
OCTOBER 1, 2025, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2026**

| Household Size | 48 States and D.C. | Guam | U.S. Virgin Islands | Alaska (Urban) | Alaska (Rural 1) | Alaska (Rural 2) | Hawaii |
|----------------|--------------------|------|---------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|--------|
| 1 - 2 | \$24 | \$35 | \$31 | \$31 | \$39 | \$48 | \$41 |

**SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
DEDUCTIONS
OCTOBER 1, 2025, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2026**

Standard Deductions

| | Household Size | Household Size | Household Size | Household Size | Household Size |
|--------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Area | 1 -2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6+ |
| 48 States and D.C. | \$209 | \$209 | \$223 | \$261 | \$299 |
| Alaska | \$358 | \$358 | \$358 | \$358 | \$374 |
| Hawaii | \$295 | \$295 | \$295 | \$300 | \$344 |
| Guam | \$420 | \$420 | \$445 | \$522 | \$598 |
| Virgin Islands | \$184 | \$185 | \$223 | \$261 | \$299 |

Maximum Excess Shelter Deductions

| Area | Maximum Amount |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 48 States and D.C. | \$744 |
| Alaska | \$1,189 |
| Hawaii | \$1,003 |
| Guam | \$873 |
| Virgin Islands | \$586 |

Maximum Homeless Shelter Deductions

| Area | Maximum Amount |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 48 States and D.C. | \$198.99 |
| Alaska | \$198.99 |
| Hawaii | \$198.99 |
| Guam | \$198.99 |
| Virgin Islands | \$198.99 |

**SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
MAXIMUM ASSET LIMITS
OCTOBER 1, 2025, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2026**

| Household Type | Maximum Amount |
|--|-----------------------|
| Households with at least one member who is age 60 or older or is disabled* | \$4,500 |
| All other households | \$3,000 |

*The asset limit for elderly or disabled households also serves as the threshold for substantial lottery or gambling winnings.

**SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
Threshold for Required Reporting of Changes in Household Income*
OCTOBER 1, 2025, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2026**

| Area | Reporting Requirement Threshold |
|--------------------|--|
| 48 States and D.C. | \$125 |
| Alaska | \$125 |
| Hawaii | \$125 |
| Guam | \$125 |
| Virgin Islands | \$125 |

*Applies only to households assigned to change reporting.