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SUBJECT: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) – Fiscal Year (FY)
2011 SNAP Cost-of-Living Adjustments

TO: All Regional Directors
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Attached are the fiscal year (FY) 2011 Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLAS) to the SNAP income eligibility standards and deductions for the 48 contiguous States and D.C., Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, and 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 2011. 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 fall below this level. Although final data for Alaska and Hawaii have yet to be released, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) projects that the maximum and minimum allotments will also remain unchanged for FY 2011 due to ARRA. Should adjustments become necessary once final data is released, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) will issue revised numbers for these areas.

As a result of ARRA, the maximum monthly allotment of \$668 for a 4-person household in the 48 States and DC remains unchanged for FY 2011. In the absence of ARRA, the maximum allotment for a 4-person household would have declined to \$582 for FY 2011, a \$6 decline from the pre-ARRA FY 2009 maximum allotment of \$588. Thus, ARRA resulted in an overall increase of \$86 in SNAP benefits, protecting SNAP households from any erosion in purchasing power due to the decrease in the TFP.

SNAP income eligibility standards for FY 2011 also remain unchanged, therefore, FNS will not issue revised basis of issuance tables. State agencies may continue to use the FY 2010 basis of issuance tables for FY 2011.

The shelter cap values for FY 2011 slightly decreased to \$458 for the 48 States and DC. Alaska and Hawaii also had minimal decreases in their shelter cap values, but Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands were not affected. The minimum standard deduction for household sizes 1 through 3 increased to \$142 a month for the 48 States and DC. Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands also experienced slight increases in the standard deduction amounts for certain household sizes.

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The COLAS are effective as of October 1, 2010. State agencies with questions regarding these adjustments should contact their respective Regional Office representatives. Regional Office staff with questions should contact Angela Kline at Angela.Kline@fns.usda.gov.

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Attachment(s)

**SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
OCTOBER 1, 2010 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2011**

**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 2010 TO SEPTEMBER 2011**

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 2010 TO SEPTEMBER 2011**

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

**MINIMUM SNAP ALLOTMENTS
 OCTOBER 2010 TO SEPTEMBER 2011**

Household Size	48 States and DC	Alaska			Hawaii	Guam	U.S. Virgin Islands
		Urban	Rural 1	Rural 2			
1 - 2	\$16	\$19	\$24	\$30	\$25	\$24	\$21

**SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
DEDUCTIONS
OCTOBER 2010 TO SEPTEMBER 2011**

STANDARD DEDUCTIONS

Area	Household Size				
	1 -2	3	4	5	6+
48 States and DC	\$142	\$142	\$153	\$179	\$205
Alaska	\$243	\$243	\$243	\$243	\$256
Hawaii	\$201	\$201	\$201	\$205	\$235
Guam	\$286	\$286	\$305	\$357	\$409
Virgin Islands	\$125	\$127	\$153	\$179	\$205

MAXIMUM SHELTER DEDUCTIONS

Area	Maximum Amount
48 States and DC	\$458
Alaska	\$732
Hawaii	\$617
Guam	\$538
Virgin Islands	\$361