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FOOD STAMP PROGRAM MANUAL TRANSMITTAL NO. 32

TO: County Departments of Family and Children Services
State DFCS Staff

FROM: Rachelle Carnesale, Division Director
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RE: Food Stamp Program Policy Changes and Updates

PURPOSE: The purpose of this transmittal is to update the Food Stamp Program's income limits, resource limits, and deductions based on the FNS cost of living adjustments (COLA) for Federal Fiscal Year 2012 (October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012).

Section 3613, Standard Deductions – have changed to the following amounts:

- AU size 1-3 - \$147
- AU size 4 - \$155
- AU size 5 - \$181
- AU size 6+ - \$208

Section 3617 – Shelter and Utility Deductions - have been changed to the following amounts:

- Excess Shelter - \$459.
- Heating/cooling Standard Utility Allowance - \$333
- Limited Standard Utility Allowance - \$269
- Telephone Standard - \$37

Appendix A- Financial Standards:

Maximum Gross FS Income Limits (130%) have changed to the following amounts:

- 1 - \$1,180
- 2 - \$1,594

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3 - \$2,008
4 - \$2,422
5 - \$2,836
6 - \$3,249
7 - \$3,663
8 - \$4,077
9 - \$4,491
10-\$4,905
+\$414

Maximum Net FS Income Limits (100% FPL) have changed to the following amounts:

1 - \$908
2 - \$1,226
3 - \$1,545
4 - \$1,863
5 - \$2,181
6 - \$2,500
7 - \$2,818
8 - \$3,136
9 - \$3,455
10-\$3,774
+\$319

Maximum Gross FS Income Limits (165% FPL) for elderly/disabled Persons as a separate household have changed to the following amounts:

1 - \$1,498
2 - \$2,023
3 - \$2,548
4 - \$3,074
5 - \$3,599
6 - \$4,124
7 - \$4,649
8 - \$5,175
9 - \$5,701
10-\$6,227
+\$526

Maximum Allotment Amounts are as follows (no changes):

1 - \$200
2 - \$367
3 - \$526
4 - \$668

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- 5 - \$793
- 6 - \$952
- 7 - \$1,052
- 8 - \$1,202
- 9 - \$1,352
- 10-\$1,502
- + \$150

The minimum benefit amount for one and two person households remains the same as **\$16**.

Food Stamp Program Resource Limits

The food stamp resource limit for households that contain an elderly or disabled member changed from \$3,000 to **\$3,250** effective 10/1/11. The resource limit for all other households remains the same as \$2,000.

These changes were updated in the SUCCESS eligibility system effective October 1, 2011.

Appendix C – Cover Letters - place Manual Transmittal 2011-32 Cover Letter following Manual Transmittal 2011-31 Cover Letter.

Appendix F – Forms - the current revisions to Form 296SP- Expedited FS Screening Guide Spanish, Form 339 - Simplified Reporting Requirements and Form 5667 - Request for Investigation, have been included in the manual.

This transmittal is effective November 1, 2011.

Food Stamp Program Manual Transmittal 32

Section	Instructions for manual maintenance	Page	Comments
3613	Remove and replace	1	Updated standard deductions for household sizes (1-6)
3617	Remove and replace	1, 4-5, 7	Updated SUA, LSUA, and telephone standard
Appendix A	Remove and replace	1-3	Updated income limits, deductions and resource limits
Appendix C	Add MT-32 Cover Letter		Add MT-32 Cover Letter following MT-

			31 Cover Letter
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Appendix F	Remove and replace	3,6,13	Updated with revised Form 296SP, Form 339 and Form 5667, Request for Investigation
MAN 3420	Remove and replace	3-5	Updated 4 sections of the FSP manual.