



FOOD STAMP PROGRAM MANUAL TRANSMITTAL NO. 52

TO: OFI District Management, County Department of Family and Children Services,
State Office Staff

FROM: Tom Rawlings
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RE: Food Stamp Program Manual Transmittal 52

The purpose of this transmittal is to provide policy updates to the Food Stamp Program's income limits, standard deductions, excess shelter deduction and maximum and minimum allotments based on the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) cost of living adjustments (COLA) for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2019. The Food Stamp Program's COLA changes are effective October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.

This transmittal also provides updates to the standard utility allowances, Form 296 Expedited Food Stamp Screening Tool (English and Spanish) and Form 339 Simplified Reporting Requirement (SRR) Notice (English and Spanish).

The policy revisions include:

- Recent updates to the Food Stamp Program COLA changes effective October 1, 2018.
- The most current Basis of Issuance (BOI) Tables for FFY 2019 (October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019).
- Changes to the excess shelter deduction from \$535 to \$552.
- Changes to the heating and cooling standard utility allowance (H/C SUA) from \$357 to \$377.
- Changes to the limited standard utility allowance (LSUA) from \$306 to \$323.
- Changes to the telephone standard from \$37 to \$41.
- Changes to Standard Deduction AU Size (1-3) from \$160 to \$164.
- Changes to Standard Deduction AU Size (4) from \$170 to \$174.
- Changes to Standard Deduction AU Size (5) from \$199 to \$204.
- Changes to Standard Deduction AU Size (6+) from \$228 to \$234.

The form changes include:

- Form 296 Expedited Food Stamp Screening Tool (English and Spanish).
- Form 339 Simplified Reporting Requirement (SRR) Notice (English and Spanish).

This transmittal is effective October 1, 2018.