

DATE: August 21, 2026

SUBJECT: SNAP – Fiscal Year 2027 Cost-of-Living Adjustments

TO: All State Agencies
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

This memorandum provides the fiscal year (FY) 2027 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 Act”), the COLAs are effective as of October 1, 2026.

Attached are FY 2027 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 \$1,023. Maximum allotments for a family of four will range from \$1,306 to \$2,027 in Alaska. The maximum allotment for a family of four will be \$1,507 in Guam and \$1,315 in the U.S. Virgin Islands. The maximum allotment for a family of four in Hawaii will decrease to \$1,655. The minimum benefit for the 48 States and D.C. will increase to \$25.

Section 3(u)(2) of the Act outlines the process for adjusting SNAP maximum allotments by household size. This provision requires an additional 22 percent of the maximum four-person allotment per person for households of nine or more persons. It also caps the total benefits for those additional persons at 200 percent of the maximum four-person allotment. In effect, for FY 2027, this caps the maximum allotment for households with 18 or more persons at \$3,887 in the 48 States and the District of Columbia. The maximum allotment cap is different for Guam, U.S. Virgin Islands, Alaska, and Hawaii.

The shelter cap value will increase to \$769 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

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maximum homeless shelter deduction will increase to \$205.66 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 will increase to \$217 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 increase to \$4,750.

Regional Offices must 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, 2026, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2027**

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

Household Size	48 States, D.C., Guam, Virgin Islands	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$1,330	\$1,663	\$1,530
2	\$1,804	\$2,255	\$2,075
3	\$2,277	\$2,846	\$2,619
4	\$2,750	\$3,438	\$3,163
5	\$3,224	\$4,030	\$3,707
6	\$3,697	\$4,621	\$4,251
7	\$4,170	\$5,213	\$4,795
8	\$4,644	\$5,805	\$5,340
Each additional member	\$474	\$592	\$545

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

Household Size	48 States, D.C., Guam, Virgin Islands	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$1,729	\$2,162	\$1,989
2	\$2,345	\$2,931	\$2,697
3	\$2,960	\$3,700	\$3,404
4	\$3,575	\$4,469	\$4,112
5	\$4,191	\$5,238	\$4,819
6	\$4,806	\$6,008	\$5,527
7	\$5,421	\$6,777	\$6,234
8	\$6,037	\$7,546	\$6,941
Each additional member	\$616	\$770	\$708

**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	\$2,195	\$2,744	\$2,525
2	\$2,976	\$3,720	\$3,423
3	\$3,757	\$4,696	\$4,321
4	\$4,538	\$5,672	\$5,219
5	\$5,319	\$6,649	\$6,116
6	\$6,100	\$7,625	\$7,014
7	\$6,881	\$8,601	\$7,912
8	\$7,662	\$9,577	\$8,810
Each additional member	\$781	\$977	\$898

**SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
MAXIMUM MONTHLY ALLOTMENTS
OCTOBER 1, 2026, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2027**

Maximum SNAP Allotments for 48 States and D.C.

Household Size	48 States and D.C.
1	\$306
2	\$562
3	\$808
4	\$1,023
5	\$1,217
6	\$1,463
7	\$1,616
8	\$1,841
9-17	\$225 per additional person
18+	\$3,887

Maximum SNAP Allotments for Guam

Household Size	Guam
1	\$452
2	\$829
3	\$1,191
4	\$1,507
5	\$1,794
6	\$2,156
7	\$2,382
8	\$2,714
9-17	\$331 per additional person
18+	\$5,729

Maximum SNAP Allotments for U.S. Virgin Islands

Household Size	Virgin Islands
1	\$394
2	\$723
3	\$1,039
4	\$1,315
5	\$1,565
6	\$1,880
7	\$2,078
8	\$2,367
9-17	\$289 per additional person
18+	\$4,997

Maximum SNAP Allotments for Alaska

Household Size	Alaska (Urban)	Alaska (Rural 1)	Alaska (Rural 2)
1	\$392	\$499	\$608
2	\$718	\$916	\$1,115
3	\$1,032	\$1,316	\$1,602
4	\$1,306	\$1,666	\$2,027
5	\$1,555	\$1,982	\$2,413
6	\$1,868	\$2,382	\$2,900
7	\$2,064	\$2,632	\$3,204
8	\$2,352	\$2,999	\$3,650
9-17	\$287 per additional person	\$366 per additional person	\$446 per additional person
18+	\$4,965	\$6,331	\$7,705

Maximum SNAP Allotments for Hawaii

Household Size	Hawaii
1	\$496
2	\$910
3	\$1,307
4	\$1,655
5	\$1,969
6	\$2,367
7	\$2,615
8	\$2,979
9-17	\$364 per additional person
18+	\$6,289

**MINIMUM SNAP ALLOTMENTS
OCTOBER 1, 2026, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2027**

Household Size	48 States and D.C.	Guam	U.S. Virgin Islands	Alaska (Urban)	Alaska (Rural 1)	Alaska (Rural 2)	Hawaii
1 – 2	\$25	\$36	\$32	\$31	\$40	\$49	\$40

**SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
DEDUCTIONS
OCTOBER 1, 2026, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2027**

Standard Deductions

	Household Size	Household Size	Household Size	Household Size	Household Size
Area	1-2	3	4	5	6+
48 States and D.C.	\$217	\$217	\$229	\$268	\$308
Alaska	\$371	\$371	\$371	\$371	\$385
Hawaii	\$306	\$306	\$306	\$309	\$354
Guam	\$435	\$435	\$457	\$536	\$614
Virgin Islands	\$191	\$191	\$229	\$268	\$308

Maximum Excess Shelter Deductions

Area	Maximum Amount
48 States and D.C.	\$769
Alaska	\$1,229
Hawaii	\$1,036
Guam	\$903
Virgin Islands	\$606

Maximum Homeless Shelter Deductions

Area	Maximum Amount
48 States and D.C.	\$205.66
Alaska	\$205.66
Hawaii	\$205.66
Guam	\$205.66
Virgin Islands	\$205.66

**SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
MAXIMUM ASSET LIMITS
OCTOBER 1, 2026, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2027**

Household Type	Maximum Amount
Households with at least one member who is age 60 or older or is disabled*	\$4,750
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, 2026, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2027**

Area	Reporting Requirement Threshold
48 States and D.C.	\$150
Alaska	\$150
Hawaii	\$150
Guam	\$150
Virgin Islands	\$150

*Applies only to households assigned to change reporting.