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SUBJECT: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) – Fiscal Year (FY)
2013 Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLAS)

TO: All Regional Directors
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Attached are the fiscal year (FY) 2013 Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLAS) to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) income eligibility standards and deductions for the 48 contiguous States and D.C., Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, and U.S. Virgin Islands. SNAP maximum and minimum allotments remain unchanged for each area due to the provisions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), which raised maximum allotments by 13.6 percent of the June 2008 value of the Thrifty Food Plan (TFP). The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) anticipates that the maximum and minimum allotments for Alaska and Hawaii will also remain unchanged for FY 2013 due to ARRA. Should adjustments become necessary once Thrifty Food Plan data is released, FNS will issue revised numbers for these areas.

ARRA maintains the maximum allotment of \$668 for a household size of four. In the absence of ARRA, the maximum allotment for a 4-person household would have been \$627 for FY 2013. Thus, ARRA results in an overall increase of \$41 in SNAP benefits, allowing eligible households to purchase more nutritious food.

The shelter cap values increased \$10 to \$469 for the 48 States and D.C. The shelter cap values for Alaska, Hawaii, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands also increased. The minimum standard deduction for household sizes 1 through 3 increased to \$149 a month for the 48 States and D.C. Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands also experienced minimal increases in their standard deduction amounts.

The COLAS are effective as of October 1, 2012. 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, 2012 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2013**

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

Household Size	48 States, DC, Guam, Virgin Islands	Alaska	Hawaii
1	931	1,165	1,072
2	1,261	1,577	1,451
3	1,591	1,990	1,830
4	1,921	2,402	2,210
5	2,251	2,815	2,589
6	2,581	3,227	2,968
7	2,911	3,640	3,347
8	3,241	4,052	3,726
Each additional member	330	413	380

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

Household Size	48 States, DC, Guam, Virgin Islands	Alaska	Hawaii
1	1,211	1,514	1,394
2	1,640	2,050	1,887
3	2,069	2,586	2,379
4	2,498	3,123	2,872
5	2,927	3,659	3,365
6	3,356	4,195	3,858
7	3,785	4,731	4,351
8	4,214	5,268	4,844
Each additional member	429	537	493

**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	1,536	1,921	1,769
2	2,081	2,602	2,394
3	2,625	3,283	3,020
4	3,170	3,963	3,646
5	3,714	4,644	4,271
6	4,259	5,324	4,897
7	4,803	6,005	5,522
8	5,348	6,686	6,148
Each additional member	545	681	626

**SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
MAXIMUM MONTHLY ALLOTMENTS
OCTOBER 2012 TO SEPTEMBER 2013**

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 2012 TO SEPTEMBER 2013**

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 2012 TO SEPTEMBER 2013**

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 2012 TO SEPTEMBER 2013**

STANDARD DEDUCTIONS

Area	Household Size			
	1 -3	4	5	6+
48 States and DC	\$149	\$160	\$187	\$214
Alaska	\$256	\$256	\$256	\$268
Hawaii	\$211	\$211	\$215	\$247
Guam	\$300	\$319	\$374	\$429
Virgin Islands	\$132	\$160	\$187	\$214

MAXIMUM SHELTER DEDUCTIONS

Area	Maximum Amount
48 States and DC	\$469
Alaska	\$749
Hawaii	\$632
Guam	\$550
Virgin Islands	\$369