

Office of Self Sufficiency Programs

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**Issue date:** 10/16/2012

**Topic:** Food Benefits

**Subject:** Annual SNAP Standard Increase

**Applies to (check all that apply):**

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**Message:**

On October 1, 2012 the annual SNAP standards changed. These changes included:

- Higher countable (130% FPL) and adjusted (100% FPL) income standards;
- An increase for each utility standard;
- Higher standard deductions based on household size; and
- An increase in the maximum shelter deduction for households that do not include an elderly or disabled individual.

**The maximum and minimum benefit amounts did not change this year.**

These changes did result in a small increase of monthly benefits for some households starting in October.

The Family Services Manual, appropriate OARs, and the [DHS 5530](#) have been updated. No further action is required.

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