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Topic: Food Benefits

Transmitting (check the box that best applies):

- New Policy
 Policy Change
 Policy Clarification
 Executive Letter
 Administrative Rule
 Manual Update
 Other: _____

Applies to (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Children, Adults and Families | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seniors and People with Disabilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD Program Managers | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): |

Policy/Rule Title:	Income Standards, Utility Standards and Standard Deduction for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)/ Food Stamp Program		
Policy/Rule Number(s):	461-155-0190 , 461-160-0420 , 461-160-0430	Release No:	
Effective Date:	October 1, 2009	Expiration:	
References:			
Web Address:			

Discussion/Interpretation: FNS has notified the state of the new countable and adjustable income limits for the SNAP program. These changes impact the reporting income limits for SRS clients. The reporting forms (DHS 853 and DHS 854) have been revised for October 1 with the new standards.

Persons in Filing Group	Countable Income Limit	Adjusted Income Limit
1	\$1,174	\$903
2	\$1,579	\$1,215
3	\$1,984	\$1,526
4	\$2,389	\$1,838
5	\$2,794	\$2,150
6	\$3,200	\$2,461
7	\$3,605	\$2,773
8	\$4,010	\$3,085
+1	+\$406	+\$312

There has been a reduction in the standard deduction amount for one-, two- and three-person households from \$144 to \$141. This may result in a \$1 reduction in SNAP benefits to these households.

FNS has also approved Oregon's utility standard amounts for FFY 2010. They are as follows: FUA of \$385, LUA of \$272, IUA of \$45 and TUA of \$46.

Implementation/Transition Instructions:

Training/Communication Plan:

Local/Branch Action Required: Recycle any DHS 853 and DHS 854 forms with a date prior to 10/01/09. Print copy of linked [flyer](#) and post in lobby. Distribute copies as needed.

Central Office Action Required: Issue a press release for October 1 which includes information on the possible \$1 reduction in benefits for some household. Develop a flyer for use in branch offices and with community partners.

Field/Stakeholder review: Yes No

If yes, reviewed by:

Filing Instructions:

If you have any questions about this policy, contact:

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