

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

UNIFORM POLICY MANUAL

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October 1, 2010 **Effective Date**

POLICY TRANSMITTAL NO.: UP-10-14

SUBJECT: Annual Increase in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Standards

This transmits revised UPM Procedures pages pursuant to recent changes to SNAP made by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Changes to SNAP effective October 1, 2010:

- 1. The maximum shelter hardship deduction has decreased from \$459 to \$458.00.
- 2. The standard deduction has increased from \$141 to \$142 for households of one, two, or three people.
- 3. The Standard Utility Allowance will remain \$720.00 until further notice.
- 4. The Thrifty Food Plan standards that were increased in accordance with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 are still in effect. No other increases will take place this October.
- 5. All other standards will remain the same.

The EMS parameters for the standard deduction amounts and the maximum hardship were revised in EMS on August 3, 2010. All new applications and changes processed since that date apply the new standards for the October 1, 2010 issuance. A mass modification was done in September, 2009 to apply all of the new standards to all active recipients for the October 1, 2010 benefit.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR UPDATING THE UPM:

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<u>DISPOSITION</u>: This Policy Transmittal may be recycled once the UPM has been updated.

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RESPONSIBLE TEAM: Adult Services Unit - phone # (860) 424-5250

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Date: 10-1-10	Transmittal: UP-10-14		P-5030.20
Section: Treatment of Income		Type: PROCEDURES	
Chapter: Income Disregards		Program:	SNAP
Subject: Disregarding Income in SNA	AP		

P-5030.20 Disregard the following amount from total earned and unearned income of SNAP assistance units:

Number of Assistance Unit Members	Amount of Disregard
1	\$142
2	\$142
3	\$142
4	\$153
5	\$179
6 or more	\$205

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Date: 10-1-10	Transmittal: UP-10-14	P-5035.19
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Subject: Maximum She	elter Hardship	SNAP

P-5035.19 The maximum shelter hardship is \$458.