

**NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA
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TO: County Social Service Directors
Economic Assistance Policy Regional Representatives
Economic Assistance Policy Quality Control Reviewers

FROM: Michele Gee, Director, Economic Assistance

SUBJECT: SNAP Annual COLA changes

PROGRAMS: SNAP

EFFECTIVE: 10-01-2019

**SECTIONS
AFFECTED:** **Companion Household 430-05-30-30**
Monthly Income Eligibility Limits 430-05-50-10
Deduction 430-05-55-05
Shelter Expenses 430-05-55-40
Calculating Income and Benefit Level 430-05-60-05
Minimum Benefit 430-05-60-15

SNAP 2020 Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAS) are effective 10-01-2019. For TECS, SNAP cases will be unauthorized for the benefit month of October 2019 to reflect these mass changes. Adequate notice must be provided. For SPACES, we will be sending a FYI for processing as there will be a mass update. The benefit month of October 2019 will be displaying beginning August 22, 2019 and the updated changes will be in SPACES.

The mass changes include the following:

- Changes to the minimum benefit amount.
 - From \$15 to \$16
- Changes to the standard deduction. For a household size of:
 - 1-3 from \$164 to \$167
 - 4 from \$174 to \$178
 - 5 from \$204 to \$209

- 6+ from \$234 to \$240

- Changes to the Thrifty Food Plan.

Household Size	FFY 2019	FFY 2020
1	\$192	<u>\$194</u>
2	\$353	<u>\$355</u>
3	\$505	<u>\$509</u>
4	\$642	<u>\$646</u>
5	\$762	<u>\$768</u>
6	\$914	<u>\$921</u>
7	\$1,011	<u>\$1,018</u>
8	\$1,155	<u>\$1,164</u>
Each Additional Member	+\$144	<u>+146</u>

- Increase in the 200% and 130% Gross Income Limits and 100% Net Income Limit.

Household Size	FFY 2019 100% (Net)	FFY 2020 100% (Net)	FFY 2019 130%	FFY 2020 130%	FFY 2019 200%	FFY 2020 200%
1	\$1,012	<u>\$1041</u>	\$1,316	<u>\$1,354</u>	\$2,024	<u>\$2,082</u>
2	\$1,372	<u>\$1410</u>	\$1,784	<u>\$1,832</u>	\$2,744	<u>\$2,820</u>
3	\$1,732	<u>\$1778</u>	\$2,252	<u>\$2,311</u>	\$3,464	<u>\$3,556</u>
4	\$2,092	<u>\$2146</u>	\$2,720	<u>\$2,790</u>	\$4,184	<u>\$4,292</u>
5	\$2,452	<u>\$2515</u>	\$3,188	<u>\$3,269</u>	\$4,904	<u>\$5,030</u>
6	\$2,812	<u>\$2883</u>	\$3,656	<u>\$3,748</u>	\$5,624	<u>\$5,766</u>
7	\$3,172	<u>\$3251</u>	\$4,124	<u>\$4,227</u>	\$6,344	<u>\$6,502</u>
8	\$3,532	<u>\$3620</u>	\$4,592	<u>\$4,705</u>	\$7,064	<u>\$7,240</u>
9	\$3892	<u>\$3989</u>	\$5,060	<u>\$5,184</u>	\$7,784	<u>\$7,978</u>
Each additional member	\$360	<u>\$369</u>	\$468	<u>\$479</u>	\$720	<u>\$738</u>

- Increase in the maximum shelter deduction from \$552 to \$569
- Changes to the mandatory utility standards:
 - HLSU from \$615 to \$611
 - LUSA from \$232 to \$233
 - MU from \$200 to \$202
 - Telephone – remains at \$32
- Increase in the Gross Income Limits for Companion Households.

Household Size	FFY 2019 Maximum Income	FFY 2020 Maximum Income
1	\$1,670	<u>\$1,718</u>
2	\$2,264	<u>\$2,326</u>
3	\$2,858	<u>\$2,933</u>
4	\$3,452	<u>\$3,541</u>
5	\$4,046	<u>\$4,149</u>
6	\$4,640	<u>\$4,757</u>
7	\$5,234	<u>\$5,364</u>
8	\$5,828	<u>\$5,972</u>
Each additional member	+\$594	<u>+\$608</u>