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SUBJECT: 3/1/06 Standards for Food Stamps

CHANGES ADOPTED EFFECTIVE 3/1/06

INSTRUCTIONS

- Maintain Manual - See instructions below.**
- Proposed Regulation - Retain bulletin and attachments until you receive Manual Maintenance Bulletin: _____**
- Information or Instructions - Retain until _____**

MANUAL REFERENCE(S):

P-2590

The following standards are updated effective March 1, 2006.

Food Stamps

- Fuel and utility standard with heat
- Fuel and utility standard without heat

Significant changes are indicated by vertical lines in the margin. Changes to clarify, rearrange or correct references without changing the procedure are dotted.

Manual Maintenance

Food Stamps Procedures

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P-2590 Reference MaterialsA. Calculating Net Income1. Standard Deduction (Effective 10/1/05)

The standard deduction varies by household size:

\$134 for households of 1 to 4 members
\$157 for households of 5 members
\$179 for households of 6 or more members

2. Basic Medical Liability (Effective 1/1/81)

The base amount for medical liability is \$35. Refer to section 273.9(d)(3) of the food stamp manual.

3. Dependent Care Maximum Deduction (Effective 9/1/94)

The maximum deduction is \$200 per month per child under age two and \$175 per month for all other dependents. Refer to section 273.9(d)(4) of the food stamp manual.

4. Shelter Cost Maximum Deduction (Effective 10/1/05)

The maximum deduction for households without elderly or disabled members is \$400.

5. Fuel and Utility Standards (Effective 3/1/06)

With heat \$513.00
Without heat \$173.00
Phone only \$ 34.12

See P-2510 E on selecting the correct standard and ACCESS manual - STAT 5.14 (UTIL Panel) and STAT 5.17 (PHON Panel) for ACCESS-related information.