STATE OF VERMONT
AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES

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Department for Children and Families

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SUBJECT: Reach Up Procedures

CHANGES ADOPTED EFFECTIVE 10/1/19

INSTRUCTIONS

X 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-2213

The following Reach Up standards are updated effective October 1, 2019.
Business expense for providing room and board
Business expense for providing day care meals and snacks

Manual Maintenance

Significant changes are indicated by highlighting text in gray.

Reach Up Procedure

Remove

P-2213D (19-04)
P-2213F (19-04)

Insert

P-2213D (19-10)
P-2213F (19-10)
P-2213 INCOME (continued)

P-2213D Income from Providing Daycare (Reach Up rule 2274.4) (19-10)

If payment received is:

Weekly: multiply by 4.3.

Bi-monthly: multiply by 2.15.

Monthly: use **monthly** figure.

**Meal Deductions:**

A participant who is providing day care for other children in their own home can deduct the cost of meals and snacks for the children from earned income as a business expense. To receive this deduction the assistance group must report the number of children receiving meals; the number of days on which meals were provided; and the type of meals provided. Use the following standard deductions or actual documented expenses, if higher.

- Breakfast $1.33 per day
- Lunch only $2.49 per day
- Dinner only $2.49 per day
- Snack $ .74 per day

Need to know if the childcare provider is receiving a state reimbursement for food. If so, deduct the reimbursement from the expenses.

**Other Business Expenses:**

Can be counted if documented, such as a portion of the rent, toys, non-meal related supplies.

In cases that have documented non-meal related expenses, complete the following:
1. Manually calculate the total monthly meal expense using either the standard deduction table or the actual verified expenses (whichever is higher).
2. Calculate the monthly total for non-meal related expenses.
3. Add the two expenses together (meal and non-meal) and enter the total in the ACTUALS field on the DCIN panel. For these cases the entries in the meals fields will be disregarded and the amount in the ACTUALS field used.
P-2213 INCOME (continued)

P-2213F Room and Board Income (Reach Up rule 2274.3) (19-10)

Income from Room and Board means that the participant is renting out a room and providing meals for one cost. The income for this type of business is entered on the RBIN panel in ACCESS.

Business expenses for the cost of Room and Board are either Standard Deduction or the Actual Documented Expenses, whichever is the higher amount.

**Standard Deduction**

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**Actual Documented Expense**

The actual documented amount of business expenses for room and/or board as long as the amount does not exceed the income received from the roomers and boarders.

**BPS Support**

Watch: [ACCESS Training Video's](#) on how to enter an RBIN panel.