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600.1 STANDARDS FOR ELIGIBILITY AND MAXIMUM ALLOTMENTS

- A. The standards for the following appear in Section 600, page 2.
1. Column A - Maximum Gross Monthly Income Standards (130% of poverty)
 2. Column B - Maximum Net Monthly Income Standards (100% of poverty)
 3. Column C - Maximum Gross Income Standard for Elderly and Disabled Separate Household (165% of poverty)
 4. Column D - Thrifty Food Plan/Maximum Allotment
- B. Standards 1, 2, and 3 are used to determine household eligibility and not for computing allotments.

600.2 FORMULA CALCULATION

- A. Multiply the household's net monthly income by 30%.
- B. Round the product up to the next whole dollar if any cents result.
- C. Subtract the product from the maximum allotment amount for the household size found in Column D, Section 600.

NOTE: In an initial month, if the allotment is less than \$10, no benefit is issued. Except in an initial month, all eligible one and two person households must be issued the minimum allotment of \$10.

600.3 DEDUCTION STANDARDS

Standard Deduction – **effective 10/1/02**

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| Household size up to and including 4 people----- | \$134 |
| Household size of 5----- | \$147 |
| Household size of 6 or more----- | \$168 |

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| Excess Shelter Deduction----- | up to \$367 |
| Homeless Household Shelter Allowance----- | \$143 |
| Dependent Care (child or elderly or disabled adult) | |
| For each dependent child under age 2----- | up to \$200 |
| For each dependent age 2 and over----- | up to \$175 |
| Standard Utility Allowance (SUA)----- | \$224 |
| Limited Utility Allowance (LUA)----- | \$135 |
| Telephone Standard----- | \$ 21 |

- * The excess shelter deduction does not apply to households with an aged or disabled member. These households receive an uncapped shelter deduction.

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600.4 Determining the Food Stamp Allotment

- A. Determine a household's monthly food stamp allotment by using the Basis of Issuance Tables:
1. Calculate the household's net monthly income.
 2. Compare the household's net monthly income to the maximum net monthly income standard, Column B below. Households that are not categorically eligible for food stamps will have net monthly incomes that are lower than or equal to the amounts shown in Column B.
 3. Find the allotment by reading in the Basis of Issuance Tables, down to the appropriate income and across to the appropriate household size.

NOTE: A household that is categorically eligible is entitled to any allotment shown in the appropriate column on the tables. Persons in household sizes of one or two and categorically eligible are eligible for a benefit of \$10, even if the tables do not show a benefit amount at their net income levels.

| | Maximum Gross Monthly Income* 130% of Poverty | Maximum Net Monthly Income* 100% Of Poverty | Monthly Income Elderly/Disabled Separate HH* 165% of Poverty | Maximum Allotment Thrifty Food Plan |
|--------------------------------|---|---|---|--|
| HH Size | Column A | Column B | Column C | Column D |
| 1 | \$ 960 | \$ 739 | \$1,219 | \$ 139 |
| 2 | 1,294 | 995 | 1,642 | 256 |
| 3 | 1,628 | 1,252 | 2,066 | 366 |
| 4 | 1,961 | 1,509 | 2,489 | 465 |
| | 2,295 | 1,765 | 2,913 | 553 |
| 6 | 2,629 | 2,022 | 3,396 | 663 |
| 7 | 2,962 | 2,279 | 3,760 | 733 |
| 8 | 3,296 | 2,535 | 4,183 | 838 |
| Each Additional Member + | 334 | +257 | +424 | +105 |

* Maximum gross and net monthly income figures are not used for computing the food stamp allotment. They are included as a reference for determining the household's eligibility.