

STANDARD DEDUCTION, SHELTER DEDUCTION, HOMELESS HOUSEHOLD SHELTER DEDUCTION, AND INCOME ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS

We also are providing you with the new deduction amounts and the new eligibility standards. These numbers will be effective October 1, 1993 and must be applied to allotments for October, which would be based on August information for retrospectively budgeted cases.

The standard deduction, the shelter deduction, and the homeless household shelter deduction amounts are as follows:

o Standard Deduction	\$131
o Shelter Deduction	\$207
o Homeless Household Shelter Deduction	\$137

Eligibility standards are shown on Attachment I which contains a chart showing the "Net and Gross Monthly Income Eligibility Standards" and "Gross Monthly Income Standards for Households Where Elderly/Disabled Are a Separate Household." **Note: Attachment I mailed with the All Food Stamp Coordinators Letter dated August 20, 1993, showed an incorrect amount under the "48 States" column for each additional member of "Households Where Elderly/Disabled Are A Separate Household." The correct amount of +\$339 for each additional member is now shown on Attachment I.**

TABLES OF COUPON ISSUANCE

The attached Food Stamp Tables of Coupon Issuance must be used for all cases beginning October 1, 1993. The tables are bracketed for categorically eligible households whose income exceeds the maximum net monthly income limit. Please note that there are no bracketed amounts for categorically eligible households of three persons because food stamp allotment amounts stopped short of the maximum net monthly income limit of \$991. While categorically eligible, these households have a zero allotment amount.

GENERAL NOTICE

Attachments to this letter include the FS 4 (8/93) Multilingual (English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Chinese and Lao), the general mass change notice described in Manual Section 63-504.391(b). CWDs are encouraged to mail a copy of this notice to all households along with the October allotment. Also included is the FS 4A (8/93) Multilingual, for retroactive notification to clients. These notices are necessary to inform clients about changes in the deduction amounts.

Before duplication, CWDs must ensure that the notices contain the county specific address which clients should use to send written state hearing requests. Those CWDs that do not mail a copy of these notices to all households shall utilize the news media or post this information in certification offices, issuance locations or other sites frequented by certified households. If any other change is to be effective with the October allotment, as always, the Food Stamp Notice of Change (DFA 377.4) must be used to provide individual notice to the household.

RETROACTIVE BENEFITS

If the CWD is unable to effect necessary programming changes to reflect the changes in the October allotments, lost benefits must be restored back to October 1, 1993. All retroactivity must be completed as soon as administratively possible, but in no event later than with the issuance of the December 1993 allotment.

NOTE: If retroactive benefits are paid, the county must specify on the FS 4A the method of retroactivity, for example, inclusion with the November allotment, a special issuance, etc.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Suzanne McNamee, at (916) 657-3815.



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Attachments

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