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 187 6 Ill. Reg. 11921, effective September 21, 1982; amended at 6 Ill. Reg. 12318, effective October
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 190 May 1, 1983; amended at 7 Ill. Reg. 8118, effective June 24, 1983; preemptory amendment at 7
 191 Ill. Reg. 12899, effective October 1, 1983; amended at 7 Ill. Reg. 13655, effective October 4,
 192 1983; preemptory amendment at 7 Ill. Reg. 16067, effective November 18, 1983; amended at 7
 193 Ill. Reg. 16169, effective November 22, 1983; amended at 8 Ill. Reg. 5673, effective April 18,
 194 1984; amended at 8 Ill. Reg. 7249, effective May 16, 1984; preemptory amendment at 8 Ill. Reg.
 195 10086, effective July 1, 1984; amended at 8 Ill. Reg. 13284, effective July 16, 1984; amended at
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 198 effective October 1, 1984; preemptory amendment at 8 Ill. Reg. 22145, effective November 1,
 199 1984; amended at 9 Ill. Reg. 302, effective January 1, 1985; amended at 9 Ill. Reg. 6804,
 200 effective May 1, 1985; amended at 9 Ill. Reg. 8665, effective May 29, 1985; preemptory
 201 amendment at 9 Ill. Reg. 8898, effective July 1, 1985; amended at 9 Ill. Reg. 11334, effective
 202 July 8, 1985; amended at 9 Ill. Reg. 14334, effective September 6, 1985; preemptory amendment
 203 at 9 Ill. Reg. 15582, effective October 1, 1985; amended at 9 Ill. Reg. 16889, effective October
 204 16, 1985; amended at 9 Ill. Reg. 19726, effective December 9, 1985; amended at 10 Ill. Reg.
 205 229, effective December 20, 1985; preemptory amendment at 10 Ill. Reg. 7387, effective April
 206 21, 1986; preemptory amendment at 10 Ill. Reg. 7941, effective May 1, 1986; amended at 10 Ill.
 207 Reg. 14692, effective August 29, 1986; preemptory amendment at 10 Ill. Reg. 15714, effective
 208 October 1, 1986; Sections 121.200 thru 121.208 recodified to 89 Ill. Adm. Code 165 at 10 Ill.
 209 Reg. 21094; preemptory amendment at 11 Ill. Reg. 3761, effective February 11, 1987;
 210 emergency amendment at 11 Ill. Reg. 3754, effective February 13, 1987, for a maximum of 150
 211 days; emergency amendment at 11 Ill. Reg. 9968, effective May 15, 1987, for a maximum of 150
 212 days; amended at 11 Ill. Reg. 10269, effective May 22, 1987; amended at 11 Ill. Reg. 10621,
 213 effective May 25, 1987; preemptory amendment at 11 Ill. Reg. 11391, effective July 1, 1987;
 214 preemptory amendment at 11 Ill. Reg. 11855, effective June 30, 1987; emergency amendment at
 215 11 Ill. Reg. 12043, effective July 6, 1987, for a maximum of 150 days; amended at 11 Ill. Reg.

216 13635, effective August 1, 1987; amended at 11 Ill. Reg. 14022, effective August 10, 1987;
 217 emergency amendment at 11 Ill. Reg. 15261, effective September 1, 1987, for a maximum of
 218 150 days; amended at 11 Ill. Reg. 15480, effective September 4, 1987; amended at 11 Ill. Reg.
 219 15634, effective September 11, 1987; amended at 11 Ill. Reg. 18218, effective October 30, 1987;
 220 preemptory amendment at 11 Ill. Reg. 18374, effective October 30, 1987; amended at 12 Ill.
 221 Reg. 877, effective December 30, 1987; emergency amendment at 12 Ill. Reg. 1941, effective
 222 December 31, 1987, for a maximum of 150 days; amended at 12 Ill. Reg. 4204, effective
 223 February 5, 1988; amended at 12 Ill. Reg. 9678, effective May 23, 1988; amended at 12 Ill. Reg.
 224 9922, effective June 1, 1988; amended at 12 Ill. Reg. 11463, effective June 30, 1988; amended at
 225 12 Ill. Reg. 12824, effective July 22, 1988; emergency amendment at 12 Ill. Reg. 14045,
 226 effective August 19, 1988, for a maximum of 150 days; preemptory amendment at 12 Ill. Reg.
 227 15704, effective October 1, 1988; preemptory amendment at 12 Ill. Reg. 16271, effective
 228 October 1, 1988; amended at 12 Ill. Reg. 20161, effective November 30, 1988; amended at 13
 229 Ill. Reg. 3890, effective March 10, 1989; amended at 13 Ill. Reg. 13619, effective August 14,
 230 1989; preemptory amendment at 13 Ill. Reg. 15859, effective October 1, 1989; amended at 14 Ill.
 231 Reg. 729, effective January 1, 1990; amended at 14 Ill. Reg. 6349, effective April 13, 1990;
 232 amended at 14 Ill. Reg. 13202, effective August 6, 1990; preemptory amendment at 14 Ill. Reg.
 233 15158, effective October 1, 1990; amended at 14 Ill. Reg. 16983, effective September 30, 1990;
 234 amended at 15 Ill. Reg. 11150, effective July 22, 1991; amended at 15 Ill. Reg. 11957, effective
 235 August 12, 1991; preemptory amendment at 15 Ill. Reg. 14134, effective October 1, 1991;
 236 emergency amendment at 16 Ill. Reg. 757, effective January 1, 1992, for a maximum of 150
 237 days; amended at 16 Ill. Reg. 10011, effective June 15, 1992; amended at 16 Ill. Reg. 13900,
 238 effective August 31, 1992; emergency amendment at 16 Ill. Reg. 16221, effective October 1,
 239 1992, for a maximum of 150 days; preemptory amendment at 16 Ill. Reg. 16345, effective
 240 October 1, 1992; amended at 16 Ill. Reg. 16624, effective October 23, 1992; amended at 17 Ill.
 241 Reg. 644, effective December 31, 1992; amended at 17 Ill. Reg. 4333, effective March 19, 1993;
 242 amended at 17 Ill. Reg. 14625, effective August 26, 1993; emergency amendment at 17 Ill. Reg.
 243 15149, effective September 7, 1993, for a maximum of 150 days; preemptory amendment at 17
 244 Ill. Reg. 17477, effective October 1, 1993; expedited correction at 17 Ill. Reg. 21216, effective
 245 October 1, 1993; amended at 18 Ill. Reg. 2033, effective January 21, 1994; emergency
 246 amendment at 18 Ill. Reg. 2509, effective January 27, 1994, for a maximum of 150 days;
 247 amended at 18 Ill. Reg. 3427, effective February 28, 1994; amended at 18 Ill. Reg. 8921,
 248 effective June 3, 1994; amended at 18 Ill. Reg. 12829, effective August 5, 1994; amended at 18
 249 Ill. Reg. 14103, effective August 26, 1994; amended at 19 Ill. Reg. 5626, effective March 31,
 250 1995; amended at 19 Ill. Reg. 6648, effective May 5, 1995; emergency amendment at 19 Ill. Reg.
 251 12705, effective September 1, 1995, for a maximum of 150 days; preemptory amendment at 19
 252 Ill. Reg. 13595, effective October 1, 1995; amended at 20 Ill. Reg. 1593, effective January 11,
 253 1996; preemptory amendment at 20 Ill. Reg. 2229, effective January 17, 1996; amended at 20 Ill.
 254 Reg. 7902, effective June 1, 1996; amended at 20 Ill. Reg. 11935, effective August 14, 1996;
 255 emergency amendment at 20 Ill. Reg. 13381, effective October 1, 1996, for a maximum of 150
 256 days; emergency amendment at 20 Ill. Reg. 13668, effective October 8, 1996, for a maximum of
 257 150 days; amended at 21 Ill. Reg. 3156, effective February 28, 1997; amended at 21 Ill. Reg.
 258 7733, effective June 4, 1997; recodified from the Department of Public Aid to the Department of

259 Human Services at 21 Ill. Reg. 9322; emergency amendment at 22 Ill. Reg. 1954, effective
 260 January 1, 1998, for a maximum of 150 days; amended at 22 Ill. Reg. 5502, effective March 4,
 261 1998; amended at 22 Ill. Reg. 7969, effective May 15, 1998; emergency amendment at 22 Ill.
 262 Reg. 10660, effective June 1, 1998, for a maximum of 150 days; emergency amendment at 22 Ill.
 263 Reg. 12167, effective July 1, 1998, for a maximum of 150 days; amended at 22 Ill. Reg. 16230,
 264 effective September 1, 1998; amended at 22 Ill. Reg. 19787, effective October 28, 1998;
 265 emergency amendment at 22 Ill. Reg. 19934, effective November 1, 1998, for a maximum of 150
 266 days; amended at 22 Ill. Reg. 20099, effective November 1, 1998; emergency amendment at 23
 267 Ill. Reg. 2601, effective February 1, 1999, for a maximum of 150 days; amended at 23 Ill. Reg.
 268 3374, effective March 1, 1999; amended at 23 Ill. Reg. 7285, effective June 18, 1999; emergency
 269 amendment at 23 Ill. Reg. 13253, effective October 13, 1999, for a maximum of 150 days;
 270 emergency amendment at 24 Ill. Reg. 3871, effective February 24, 2000, for a maximum of 150
 271 days; amended at 24 Ill. Reg. 4180, effective March 2, 2000; amended at 24 Ill. Reg. 10198,
 272 effective June 27, 2000; amended at 24 Ill. Reg. 15428, effective October 10, 2000; emergency
 273 amendment at 24 Ill. Reg. 15468, effective October 1, 2000, for a maximum of 150 days;
 274 amended at 25 Ill. Reg. 845, effective January 5, 2001; amended at 25 Ill. Reg. 2423, effective
 275 January 25, 2001; emergency amendment at 25 Ill. Reg. 2439, effective January 29, 2001, for a
 276 maximum of 150 days; emergency amendment at 25 Ill. Reg. 3707, effective March 1, 2001, for
 277 a maximum of 150 days; emergency expired July 28, 2001; amended at 25 Ill. Reg. 7720,
 278 effective June 7, 2001; amended at 25 Ill. Reg. 10823, effective August 12, 2001; amended at 25
 279 Ill. Reg. 11856, effective August 31, 2001; emergency amendment at 25 Ill. Reg. 13309,
 280 effective October 1, 2001, for a maximum of 150 days; amended at 26 Ill. Reg. 151, effective
 281 January 1, 2002; amended at 26 Ill. Reg. 2025, effective February 1, 2002; amended at 26 Ill.
 282 Reg. 13530, effective September 3, 2002; preemptory amendment at 26 Ill. Reg. 15099, effective
 283 October 1, 2002; amended at 26 Ill. Reg. 16484, effective October 25, 2002; amended at 27 Ill.
 284 Reg. 2889, effective February 7, 2003; expedited correction at 27 Ill. Reg. 14262, effective
 285 February 7, 2003; amended at 27 Ill. Reg. 4583, effective February 28, 2003; amended at 27 Ill.
 286 Reg. 7273, effective April 7, 2003; amended at 27 Ill. Reg. 12569, effective July 21, 2003;
 287 preemptory amendment at 27 Ill. Reg. 15604, effective October 1, 2003; amended at 27 Ill. Reg.
 288 16108, effective October 6, 2003; amended at 27 Ill. Reg. 18445, effective November 20, 2003;
 289 amended at 28 Ill. Reg. 1104, effective December 31, 2003; amended at 28 Ill. Reg. 3857,
 290 effective February 13, 2004; amended at 28 Ill. Reg. 10393, effective July 6, 2004; preemptory
 291 amendment at 28 Ill. Reg. 13834, effective October 1, 2004; emergency amendment at 28 Ill.
 292 Reg. 15323, effective November 10, 2004, for a maximum of 150 days; emergency expired April
 293 8, 2005; amended at 29 Ill. Reg. 2701, effective February 4, 2005; amended at 29 Ill. Reg. 5499,
 294 effective April 1, 2005; preemptory amendment at 29 Ill. Reg. 12132, effective July 14, 2005;
 295 emergency amendment at 29 Ill. Reg. 16042, effective October 4, 2005, for a maximum of 150
 296 days; emergency expired March 2, 2006; preemptory amendment at 29 Ill. Reg. 16538, effective
 297 October 4, 2005; emergency amendment at 30 Ill. Reg. 7804, effective April 6, 2006, for a
 298 maximum of 150 days; emergency expired September 2, 2006; amended at 30 Ill. Reg. 11236,
 299 effective June 12, 2006; amended at 30 Ill. Reg. 13863, effective August 1, 2006; amended at 30
 300 Ill. Reg. 15681, effective September 12, 2006; preemptory amendment at 30 Ill. Reg. 16470,
 301 effective October 1, 2006; amended at 31 Ill. Reg. 6991, effective April 30, 2007; amended at 31

302 Ill. Reg. 10482, effective July 9, 2007; amended at 31 Ill. Reg. 11318, effective July 23, 2007;
 303 preemptory amendment at 31 Ill. Reg. 14372, effective October 1, 2007; amended at 32 Ill. Reg.
 304 2813, effective February 7, 2008; amended at 32 Ill. Reg. 4380, effective March 12, 2008;
 305 amended at 32 Ill. Reg. 4813, effective March 18, 2008; amended at 32 Ill. Reg. 9621, effective
 306 June 23, 2008; preemptory amendment at 32 Ill. Reg. 16905, effective October 1, 2008;
 307 preemptory amendment to Sections 121.94(c), 121.96(d)(2) and 121.150(b) suspended at 32 Ill.
 308 Reg. 18908, effective November 19, 2008; suspension withdrawn by the Joint Committee on
 309 Administrative Rules at 33 Ill. Reg. 200, effective February 5, 2009; preemptory amendment
 310 repealed by emergency rulemaking at 33 Ill. Reg. 3514, effective February 5, 2009, for a
 311 maximum of 150 days; preemptory amendment at 32 Ill. Reg. 18092, effective November 15,
 312 2008; emergency amendment at 33 Ill. Reg. 4187, effective February 24, 2009, for a maximum
 313 of 150 days; emergency expired July 23, 2009; preemptory amendment at 33 Ill. Reg. 5537,
 314 effective April 1, 2009; emergency amendment at 33 Ill. Reg. 11322, effective July 20, 2009, for
 315 a maximum of 150 days; emergency expired December 16, 2009; amended at 33 Ill. Reg. 12802,
 316 effective September 3, 2009; amended at 33 Ill. Reg. 14121, effective September 22, 2009;
 317 emergency amendment at 33 Ill. Reg. 14627, effective October 13, 2009, for a maximum of 150
 318 days; emergency expired March 11, 2010; amended at 33 Ill. Reg. 16875, effective November
 319 30, 2009; amended at 33 Ill. Reg. 17350, effective December 14, 2009; amended at 34 Ill. Reg.
 320 4777, effective March 17, 2010; amended at 34 Ill. Reg. 5295, effective April 12, 2010; amended
 321 at 34 Ill. Reg. 5823, effective April 19, 2010; emergency amendment at 34 Ill. Reg. 6967,
 322 effective May 1, 2010, for a maximum of 150 days; emergency expired September 27, 2010;
 323 amended at 34 Ill. Reg. 7265, effective May 10, 2010; amended at 34 Ill. Reg. 7685, effective
 324 May 18, 2010; amended at 34 Ill. Reg. 12547, effective August 11, 2010; preemptory
 325 amendment at 34 Ill. Reg. 15543, effective October 1, 2010; amended at 35 Ill. Reg. 1042,
 326 effective December 28, 2010; amended at 35 Ill. Reg. 7688, effective April 29, 2011; amended at
 327 35 Ill. Reg. 10119, effective June 7, 2011; preemptory amendment at 35 Ill. Reg. 16118,
 328 effective October 1, 2011; preemptory amendment at 35 Ill. Reg. 16904, effective October 1,
 329 2011; amended at 35 Ill. Reg. 17120, effective October 5, 2011; amended at 35 Ill. Reg. 18780,
 330 effective October 28, 2011; amended at 35 Ill. Reg. 19278, effective November 8, 2011;
 331 amended at 35 Ill. Reg. 19778, effective December 5, 2011; preemptory amendment at 36 Ill.
 332 Reg. 15148, effective October 1, 2012; emergency amendment at 37 Ill. Reg. 15423, effective
 333 September 9, 2013, for a maximum of 150 days; preemptory amendment at 37 Ill. Reg. 16016,
 334 effective October 1, 2013; emergency amendment at 37 Ill. Reg. 16845, effective October 1,
 335 2013, for a maximum of 150 days; preemptory amendment at 37 Ill. Reg. 17983, effective
 336 November 1, 2013; amended at 38 Ill. Reg. 4475, effective January 29, 2014; amended at 38 Ill.
 337 Reg. 5382, effective February 7, 2014; emergency amendment at 38 Ill. Reg. 8414, effective
 338 April 1, 2014, for a maximum of 150 days; amended at 38 Ill. Reg. 17616, effective August 8,
 339 2014; preemptory amendment at 38 Ill. Reg. 19831, effective October 1, 2014; amended at 39 Ill.
 340 Reg. 6470, effective April 22, 2015; preemptory amendment at 39 Ill. Reg. 13513, effective
 341 October 1, 2015; amended at 39 Ill. Reg. 15577, effective December 1, 2015; amended at 40 Ill.
 342 Reg. 360, effective January 1, 2016; preemptory amendment at 40 Ill. Reg. 14114, effective
 343 October 1, 2016; preemptory amendment at 41 Ill. Reg. 12905, effective October 1, 2017;
 344 amended at 42 Ill. Reg. 8310, effective May 4, 2018; amended at 42 Ill. Reg. 8505, effective

345 May 8, 2018; peremptory amendment at 42 Ill. Reg. 18531, effective October 1, 2018; amended
 346 at 43 Ill. Reg. 360, effective December 20, 2018; peremptory amendment at 43 Ill. Reg. 11035,
 347 effective October 1, 2019; emergency amendment at 43 Ill. Reg. 11718, effective October 1,
 348 2019, for a maximum of 150 days; emergency amendment at 43 Ill. Reg. 11953, effective
 349 October 1, 2019, for a maximum of 150 days; emergency expired February 27, 2020; emergency
 350 amendment at 43 Ill. Reg. 14449, effective November 26, 2019, for a maximum of 150 days;
 351 amended at 44 Ill. Reg. 3265, effective February 5, 2020; amended at 44 Ill. Reg. 5348, effective
 352 March 11, 2020; amended at 44 Ill. Reg. 6984, effective April 16, 2020; amended at 44 Ill. Reg.
 353 9944, effective May 20, 2020; peremptory amendment at 44 Ill. Reg. 16551, effective October 1,
 354 2020; amended at 44 Ill. Reg. 19892, effective December 14, 2020; peremptory amendment at 45
 355 Ill. Reg. 2154, effective January 29, 2021; peremptory amendment at 45 Ill. Reg. 2504, effective
 356 February 11, 2021; amended at 45 Ill. Reg. 8368, effective July 1, 2021; amended at 45 Ill. Reg.
 357 9014, effective June 30, 2021; peremptory amendment at 45 Ill. Reg. 13125, effective October 1,
 358 2021; emergency amendment at 45 Ill. Reg. 16072, effective December 1, 2021, for a maximum
 359 of 150 days; amended at 46 Ill. Reg. 2131, effective January 21, 2022; amended at 46 Ill. Reg.
 360 5319, effective March 9, 2022; amended at 46 Ill. Reg. 6729, effective April 12, 2022;
 361 peremptory amendment at 46 Ill. Reg. 17125, effective October 3, 2022; amended at 47 Ill. Reg.
 362 1007, effective January 6, 2023; peremptory amendment at 47 Ill. Reg. 14594, effective October
 363 2, 2023; amended at 48 Ill. Reg. 2170, effective January 24, 2024; amended at 48 Ill. Reg. 3821,
 364 effective February 24, 2024; amended at 48 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____.

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 366 **SUBPART D: ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS**

367
 368 **Section 121.63 Deductions from Monthly Income**

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- 370 a) The deductions described in this Section shall be allowed in the determination of
 - 371 the adjusted net monthly SNAP income.
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 - 373 b) Earned Income Deduction. Eighty percent of total gross earned income is
 - 374 considered. See Sections 121.40 through 121.54 for a description of earned
 - 375 income.
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 - 377 c) Standard Deduction. The standard deduction for a household size of one through
 - 378 three persons is \$194. The standard deduction for a household size of four
 - 379 persons is \$204. The standard deduction for a household size of five persons is
 - 380 \$240. For households of six or more persons, the standard deduction is \$275. Due
 - 381 to the Standard Medical Deduction Demonstration Project, the standard deduction
 - 382 will be adjusted as explained in subsection (i).
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 - 384 d) Dependent Care Deduction
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 - 386 1) The dependent care deduction consists of payments for the care of a child
 - 387 or other dependent when necessary for a household member to accept or

- 388 continue employment or to seek employment in compliance with the job
389 search criteria or to attend training or pursue education which is
390 preparatory for employment (see 89 Ill. Adm. Code 112.70 through
391 112.83).
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- 393 2) The amount of the deduction is to be determined by the actual costs for
394 care per month for each dependent household member.
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- 396 e) Shelter Costs Deduction
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- 398 1) The shelter deduction is the amount of shelter costs that exceeds 50% of
399 the household's total income after the allowable deductions in subsections
400 (b), (c), and (d) have been made. The shelter deduction shall not exceed
401 \$672.
402
- 403 2) If the household contains a member who is elderly or disabled, as defined
404 at 7 CFR 271.2 (2013) and Section 121.61, there is no limit on the amount
405 of the excess shelter deduction.
406
- 407 3) Shelter costs include only the following:
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- 409 A) continuing charges for the shelter occupied by the household (rent,
410 mortgage and other charges leading to the ownership of the shelter,
411 including interest on such charges);
412
- 413 B) property taxes, State and local assessments and insurance on the
414 structure itself; and
415
- 416 C) utility costs, as described in subsection (g).
417
- 418 4) Shelter costs for a home temporarily unoccupied by the household because
419 of employment or training away from home, illness or abandonment
420 caused by a natural disaster or casualty loss, if:
421
- 422 A) the household intends to return to the home;
423
- 424 B) the current occupants of the home, if any, are not claiming the
425 shelter costs for SNAP purposes; and
426
- 427 C) the home is not leased or rented during the absence of the
428 household.
429
- 430 5) Charges for repair of a home which was damaged or destroyed due to a

431 natural disaster. Shelter costs shall not include repair charges which have
 432 been or will be reimbursed by private or public relief agencies, insurance
 433 companies or any other source.
 434

435 f) Homeless Shelter Deduction

436 The standard homeless shelter deduction is \$179 a month for households in which
 437 all members are homeless individuals but are not receiving free shelter throughout
 438 the month. A homeless household with qualifying shelter expenses may choose to
 439 use the standard homeless shelter deduction (in lieu of the shelter deduction as
 440 described in subsection (e)), as a deduction from net income in determining
 441 SNAP eligibility and allotments. A homeless household receiving the standard
 442 homeless shelter deduction may not have its shelter expenses considered as part of
 443 the shelter deduction or the standard utility allowances. A homeless household
 444 may choose to claim actual costs under the shelter deduction instead of claiming
 445 the standard homeless shelter deduction if actual costs are higher and verified.
 446

447 g) Utility Costs

448 1) Utility costs include:

- 449 A) the cost of heating and cooking fuel, air conditioning, electricity,
 450 water, sewerage, garbage and trash collection;
- 451 B) basic service fee for one telephone (including tax on the basic fee)
 452 of \$75; and
- 453 C) fees charged by the utility provider for initial installation.
 454

455 2) Utility deposits are not considered to be utility costs.
 456

457 3) A standard must be used if the household is billed for utilities. Federal
 458 regulations require an annual review of the State's utility standards and
 459 approval of the utility standard amounts by Food and Nutrition Service
 460 (FNS). See subsection (e)(4) for households that claim utility expenses for
 461 an unoccupied home. Households that are billed for heating or air
 462 conditioning, or both, or heating, air conditioning and electricity, must use
 463 the air conditioning/heating standard allowance of \$577. Those
 464 households that are not billed for air conditioning or heating but are billed
 465 for at least two other utilities must use the limited utility standard
 466 allowance of \$386. Those households that are not billed for air
 467 conditioning or heating but are billed for a single utility, other than
 468 telephone, must use the single utility standard allowance of \$62. If only a
 469 separately-billed telephone expense is claimed, the basic telephone
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474 standard allowance of \$75 per month will be allowed. Households living
 475 in rental housing who are billed on a regular basis by a landlord for costs
 476 for utilities must use the appropriate standard.
 477

478 4) A household that is billed less often than monthly for its costs for utilities
 479 must continue to use the appropriate standard between billing months.
 480

481 5) Households in public housing or privately-owned rental units that receive
 482 a bill for over-usage are entitled to use the air conditioning/heating
 483 standard allowance. When households (as defined at 7 CFR 273.1(a)
 484 (2013)) live together, the air conditioning/heating standard allowance, the
 485 limited utility standard allowance, or the single utility standard allowance,
 486 whichever is appropriate, shall be allowed for each household that
 487 contributes toward the utility costs whether or not each household
 488 participates in the program.
 489

490 6) Households whose expense for heat or electricity, or both, is covered by
 491 indirect energy assistance payments under the Low Income Home Energy
 492 Assistance Program (LIHEAP) (47 Ill. Adm. Code 100) shall be entitled to
 493 the air conditioning/heating standard allowance (7 CFR 273.9 and
 494 273.10(d)(6) (2013)). Households who receive a LIHEAP payment of \$21
 495 or more during the month of application or the preceding 12-month period
 496 shall be allowed the air conditioning/heating standard allowance (7 CFR
 497 273.9 (2013)). The provisions of subsection (e)(3) are applicable to
 498 households whose expenses for heating or electricity, or both, are covered
 499 by indirect energy assistance payments.
 500

501 7) A household that has both an occupied home and an unoccupied home is
 502 entitled to only one standard. The appropriate utility standard may be
 503 used for the home the household chooses.
 504

505 h) Excess Medical Deduction. A deduction for excess medical expenses shall be
 506 allowed for households which contain an elderly or disabled member as defined at
 507 7 CFR 271.2 (2013) and Section 121.61. When a qualifying household member
 508 incurs medical expenses that are over \$35 per month, the household will be given
 509 a standard medical deduction if the expenses will not be reimbursed by insurance
 510 or a third party. The standard medical deduction is a result of a demonstration
 511 project authorized by USDA FNS. The standard medical deduction is \$450 a
 512 month for residents of Group Homes ~~or supportive living facilities~~ and \$150 a
 513 month for all other eligible households. Households whose medical expenses
 514 exceed \$485 and \$185 a month, respectively, may opt to claim actual documented
 515 medical expenses in lieu of the standard medical deduction and the amount over
 516 \$35 will be allowed as a deduction. To ensure federal costs do not increase, the

517 standard deduction in subsection (c) will be reduced by \$4 per month for all
518 SNAP households.

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