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CDHS Tracking #: 21-08-11-02  Office, Division, & Program: Office of Economic Security, Food and Energy Assistance Division, SNAP  21-08-11-02  Rule Author: Andrea Poole, SNAP Program Initiatives Supervisor	Phone: 303-829-7245
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RULEMAKING PACKET	_
Type of Rule: (complete a and b, below) a. X Board Executive Director b. X Regular Emergency	
This package is submitted to State Board Administration as: (check all	that apply)
X AG Initial X Initial Board AG 2 <sup>nd</sup> Review Reading	Second Board Reading / Adoption
This package contains the following types of rules: (check all that apply)	)
Number 7 Amended Rules New Rules Repealed Rules Reviewed Rules	
What month is being requested for this rule to first go before the State Board	? September 2021
What date is being requested for this rule to be effective?	October 2021
Is this date legislatively required?	No
I hereby certify that I am aware of this rule-making and that any necessary c Executive Director's Office, Budget and Policy Unit, and Office of Information	
Office Director Approval:	ate:
REVIEW TO BE COMPLETED BY STATE BOARD ADMINISTRATION	
Comments:	
Estimated 1st Board September 2021 2nd Board October 2021 Dates:	Effective Date October 2021 (Emergency) November 30 (Permanent)

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### STATEMENT OF BASIS AND PURPOSE

### Summary of the basis and purpose for new rule or rule change.

Explain why the rule or rule change is necessary and what the program hopes to accomplish through this rule. **1500 Char max** 

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is a Food Assistance program in Colorado, formerly known as Food Stamps. SNAP provides food assistance benefits as part of a federal nutrition program to help low-income households purchase food. The United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) annually evaluates Federal income poverty guidelines and cost of living increases to determine appropriate adjustments to income eligibility standards, benefit allotments, and deductions for the upcoming Federal Fiscal Year (FFY). The modified figures are typically made available to states during the month of August immediately prior to the next fiscal year. The Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) changes in this regulation package are required to become effective 10/01/2021.

An emergency rule-making (which waives the initial Administrative Procedure Act noticing requirements) is necessary:

Х	to comply with state/federal law and/or				
	to preserve public health, safety and welfare				

#### Justification for emergency:

Each year, FNS disseminates the new standards to states for use in the upcoming federal fiscal year. The COLA adjustments were made available to CDHS August 16, 2021 and are mandated to be implemented at the beginning of FFY22 (October 1, 2021). It is imperative to incorporate these rules to comply with federal SNAP regulations that must be effective October 1, 2021. Noncompliance with federal SNAP regulations as of October 1, 2021 conflicts with public interest.

**State Board Authority for Rule:** 

Code	Description
26-1-107, C.R.S. (2020)	State Board to promulgate rules
26-1-109(3), C.R.S. (2020)	State department shall cooperate with federal agencies in any reasonable
	manner which may be necessary to qualify for federal aid
26-1-111(2)(d)(I), C.R.S.	State department to promulgate rules for public assistance and welfare
(2020)	activities

Program Authority for Rule: Give federal and/or state citations and a summary of the language

authorizing the rule-making function AND authority.

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Code	Description
26-2-301 (2020), C.R.S.	Designates the Colorado Department of Human Services as the responsible
	agency to administer the Food Assistance Program in the State of Colorado.
26-2-302 (2020), C.R.S.	Prohibits any interference that would prevent the Colorado Department of
	Human Services from complying with federal mandates prescribed under the
	federal "Food Stamp Act" as amended.

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If yes, please explain.

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### **REGULATORY ANALYSIS**

### 1. List of groups impacted by this rule.

Which groups of persons will benefit, bear the burdens or be adversely impacted by this rule?

Updates to COLA will benefit all SNAP applicants and participants as well as county SNAP administration and staff.

### 2. Describe the qualitative and quantitative impact.

How will this rule-making impact those groups listed above? How many people will be impacted? What are the short-term and long-term consequences of this rule?

Annual adjustments to the four-tiered mandatory standard utility allowances, standard deduction, homeless shelter deduction, maximum allotments, and income threshold guidelines have the potential to increase current benefit amounts for participants and increase program accessibility for future applicants.

### 3. Fiscal Impact

For each of the categories listed below explain the distribution of dollars; please identify the costs, revenues, matches or any changes in the distribution of funds even if such change has a total zero effect for any entity that falls within the category. If this rule-making requires one of the categories listed below to devote resources without receiving additional funding, please explain why the rule-making is required and what consultation has occurred with those who will need to devote resources. Answer should NEVER be just "no impact" answer should include "no impact because...."

State Fiscal Impact (Identify all state agencies with a fiscal impact, including any Colorado Benefits Management System (CBMS) change request costs required to implement this rule change)

There is no impact because the costs associated with the Colorado Benefits Management System to incorporate these changes have already been allocated in the system maintenance budget.

### County Fiscal Impact

There are no county fiscal impacts associated with this rule change.

Federal Fiscal Impact

There are no federal fiscal impacts associated with this rule change.

Other Fiscal Impact (such as providers, local governments, etc.)

There are no other fiscal impacts associated with this rule change.

#### 4. Data Description

List and explain any data, such as studies, federal announcements, or questionnaires, which were relied upon when developing this rule?

Federal memorandums from the Food and Nutrition Services as well as data from the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers were used in the development of this rule.

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### 5. Alternatives to this Rule-making

Describe any alternatives that were seriously considered. Are there any less costly or less intrusive ways to accomplish the purpose(s) of this rule? Explain why the program chose this rule-making rather than taking no action or using another alternative. Answer should NEVER be just "no alternative" answer should include "no alternative because..."

As COLA is federally mandated by SNAP, federal updates must be incorporated into Colorado regulation prior to implementation. There are no available alternatives that exist to incorporate these program changes statewide.

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### **OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED RULE**

Compare and/or contrast the content of the current regulation and the proposed change.

Rule		a.					Reason / Example	Public
section Number	Issue	Old	d Language		New Lan	guage or Response	Best Practice	Comment No / Detail
7.000	Incorrect Statutory Reference	Section 26.5.103 C.R.S.		Se	ection 26.5-101(3) C.I	R. S.	Dest Flactice	No / Detail
4.207.3	Outdated Information	4.207.3 Benefit Allotmen	t	4.2	207.3 Benefit Allotm	ent		
		D. The Food Assistance maximum and minimum monthly benefit allotment tables will be adjusted as announced by the United States Department of		an	onthly benefit allotme	istance maximum and minimum nt tables will be adjusted as ed States Department of Agricultur ition Service (FNS).	e	
		Household Size	Maximum Monthly Allotment Effective October 1, 2020		Household Size	Maximum Monthly Allotment Effective October 1, <del>2020</del> 2021		
		1	\$204		1	\$ <del>204</del> 250		
		2	\$374		2	\$ <del>374</del> 459		
		3	\$535		3	\$ <del>535</del> 658		
		4	\$680		4	\$ <del>680</del> 835		
		5	\$807		5	\$ <del>807</del> 992		
		6	\$969		6	\$ <del>969</del> 1,190		
		7	\$1,071		7	\$ <del>1,071</del> 1,316		
		8	\$1,224		8	\$ <del>1,224</del> 1,504		
		Each additional persor	+\$153		Each additional perso	+\$ <del>153</del> 188		
		Household Size	Minimum Monthly Allotment Effective October 1, 2020		Household Size	Minimum Monthly Allotment Effective October 1, <del>2020</del> 2021		
		1-2	\$16		1-2	\$ <del>16</del> 20		
4.401.1	Outdated information	4.401.1 Gross Income Le	evels	4.4	401.1 Gross Income	Levels		

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1	\$1,383	\$2,128	\$1,755
2	\$1,868	\$2,874	\$2,371
3	\$2,353	\$3,620	\$2,987
4	\$2,839	\$4,368	\$3,603
5	\$3,324	\$5,114	\$4,219
6	\$3,809	\$5,860	\$4,835
7	\$4,295	\$6,608	\$5,451
8	\$4,780	\$7,354	\$6,067
Each additional person	+\$486	+\$748	+\$616

Household Size	130% Gross Income Level	200% Gross Income Level	165% Gross Income Level
1	\$ <del>1,383</del> 1,396	\$ <del>2,128</del> 2,148	\$ <del>1,755</del> 1,771
2	\$ <del>1,868</del> 1,888	\$ <del>2,874</del> 2,904	\$ <del>2,371</del> 2,396
3	\$ <del>2,353</del> 2,379	\$ <del>3,620</del> 3,660	\$ <del>2,987</del> 3,020
4	\$ <del>2,839</del> 2,871	\$ <del>4,368</del> 4,418	\$ <del>3,603</del> 3,644
5	\$ <del>3,324</del> 3,363	\$ <del>5,114</del> 5,174	\$ <del>4,2194</del> ,268
6	\$ <del>3,809</del> 3,855	\$ <del>5,860</del> 5,930	\$ <del>4,835</del> 4,893
7	\$ <del>4,295</del> 4,347	\$ <del>6,608</del> 6,688	\$ <del>5,451</del> 5,517
8	\$ <del>4,780</del> 4,839	\$ <del>7,354</del> 7,444	\$ <del>6,067</del> 6,141
Each additional person	+\$ <del>486</del> 492	+\$ <del>748</del> 758	+\$ <del>616</del> 625

4.401.2 Outdated information 4.401.2 Net Income Levels

Effective October 1, 2020, the net income level of one hundred percent (100%) of the federal poverty level for the corresponding household size is as follows:

Household Size	100% Net Income Level
1	\$1,064
2	\$1,437
3	\$1,810

#### 4.401.2 Net Income Levels

Effective October 1, 20202021, the net income level of one hundred percent (100%) of the federal poverty level for the corresponding household size is as follows:

Household Size	100% Net Income Level
1	\$ <del>1,064</del> 1,074
2	\$ <del>1,437</del> 1,452
3	\$ <del>1,810</del> 1,830

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		4	\$2,184		4	\$ <del>2,184</del> 2,209		
		5	\$2,557		5	\$ <del>2,557</del> 2,587		
		6	\$2,930		6	\$ <del>2,930</del> 2,965		
		7	\$3,304		7	\$ <del>3,304</del> 3,344		
		8	\$3,677		8	\$ <del>3,677</del> 3,722		
		Each additional person	1 +\$374		Each additional person	+\$ <del>374</del> 379		
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4.407.1	Outdated information	4.407.1 Standard Deductio	n		4.407.1 Standard Deductio	n		
		A standard deduction of 8.3 income guidelines for the h calculate the amount that is. The established standard annually as announced by USDA. The calculation of 8 income guidelines for eligible households up to the households with six (6) or the six (6) person standard	ousehold size will be use allowed to all household mount will be adjusted the Food and Nutrition So. 31% of the federal poveole members will be used the hold size of six (6). All more eligible members wideduction.	ed to ds. ervice, rty for all	A standard deduction of 8.31 income guidelines for the ho IN 4.401.2 will be used to ca allowed to all households. The amount will be adjusted annu Food and Nutrition Service, I 8.31% of the federal poverty members will be used for all household size of six (6). All more eligible members will undeduction.	usehold size AS DESC lculate the amount that he established standard ually as announced by USDA. The calculation income guidelines for a households up to the households with six (6)	RIBED is defined is the seligible of the	
			duction Amount		Standard Dec	duction Amount		
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		Ellective October 1, 20	20 \$167 \$181 \$212 \$243			\$167 \$181 \$212 \$243		
					<del>2020</del> 2021	177   184   215   246		
4.407.3 (B&C)		4.407.3 Excess Shelter De	duction		4.407.3 Excess Shelter Dec	duction		
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who is elderly and/or a person with a disability shall receive an excess shelter deduction for the monthly cost of shelter that exceeds fifty percent (50%) of the household's monthly income after all other applicable deductions.

**Shelter Deduction Cap** 

Effective October 1, 2020 \$586

C. Homeless households shall be entitled to use a standard estimate of shelter expenses for households in which all members are homeless and are not receiving free shelter throughout the calendar month.

The Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, provides an update of this estimated figure annually when the shelter cap for other households is adjusted.

The Homeless Shelter Deduction is as follows:

**Homeless Shelter Deduction** 

Effective October 1, 2020

\$156.74

All homeless households that incur or reasonably expect to incur shelter costs during a month shall be eligible for the estimate, unless higher shelter costs are verified, at which point the household may use actual shelter costs rather than the estimate.

Homeless households that incur no shelter costs during the month shall not be eligible for the homeless shelter deduction

If a homeless household has difficulty in obtaining

who is elderly and/or a person with a disability shall receive an excess shelter deduction for the monthly cost of shelter that exceeds fifty percent (50%) of the household's monthly income after all other applicable deductions.

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Effective October 1, 20202021 \$586597

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Effective October 1, 20202021

\$<del>156.74</del>159.73

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If a homeless household has difficulty in obtaining traditional types of verification of shelter costs, the

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	traditional types of verification of shelter costs, the eligibility technician shall use the prudent person pri in determining if verification obtained is adequate.	eligibility technician shall use the prudent person principle in determining if verification obtained is adequate.
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(C)(3), and (D)(2)	A. Heating and Cooling Utility Allowance (HCI  *****  4. The HCUA standard is as follows:	UA) A. Heating and Cooling Utility Allowance (HCUA)  *****  4. The HCUA standard is as follows:
	HCUA Standard Effective October 1, 2020 \$486	HCUA Standard  Effective October 1, 20202021 \$486493
	B. Basic Utility Allowance (BUA)	B. Basic Utility Allowance (BUA) *****
	3. The BUA standard is as follows:  BUA Standard  Effective October 1, 2019 \$310	3. The BUA standard is as follows:  BUA Standard  Effective October 1, 20192021 \$310314
	***** C. One Utility Allowance (OUA)	C. One Utility Allowance (OUA)  *****  3. The OUA standard is as follows:
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	D. Telephone Allowance  *****  2. The telephone allowance is as follows:	Telephone Standard  Effective October 1, 20192021 \$7980
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	E. The resource limits are as follows: Effective October 1,	E. The resource limits are as follows: Effective October 1,	
	2017, the resource limit for households that do contain a	20172021, the resource limit for households that contain a	
	member who is elderly and/or a person with a disability is	member who is elderly and/or a person with a disability_is	
	three thousand five hundred (\$3,500). The resource limit	three thousand <del>five hundred</del> SEVEN HUNDRED AND	
	for households that do not contain a member who is	FIFTY DOLLARS (\$3,5003,750). The resource limit for	
	elderly and/or a person with a disability is two thousand	households that do not contain a member who is elderly	
	two hundred fifty dollars (\$2,250).	and/or a person with a disability_is two thousand FIVE	
		HUNDRED two hundred fifty dollars (\$2,2502,500).	

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<u>st</u>	TAKEHOLDER COM	MENT SUMMARY	
<b>Development</b> The following individuals and/or er as other Program Areas, Legislativ			these proposed rules (such
This Rule-Making Package The following individuals and/or er for consideration by the State Boa			is rule-making was proposed
Other State Agencies Are other State Agencies (such as contacted and provided input on the Yes X No	ne proposed rules?	npacted by these rule	es? If so, have they been
If yes, who was contacted and wha	at was their input?		
Sub-PAC Have these rules been reviewed b Yes x No  Name of Sub-PAC Date presented	y the appropriate Sul	o-PAC Committee?	
What issues were raised?			
Vote Count   Fo	or	Against	Abstain
If not presented, explain why. De	elay in receiving COL	A from FNS; Will be	presented 09/02/21
PAC Have these rules been approved by Yes X No	by PAC?		
Date presented			
What issues were raised?	1?		
Vote Count Fo	or	Against	Abstain
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Other Comments Comments were received from stakeholders on the proposed rules:			
Yes X No			
	Analysis Da	nge <b>12</b>	

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If "yes" to any of the above questions, summarize and/or attach the feedback received, including requests made by the State Board of Human Services, by specifying the section and including the Department/Office/Division response. Provide proof of agreement or ongoing issues with a letter or public testimony by the stakeholder.

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### 4.207.3 Benefit Allotment

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D. The Food Assistance maximum and minimum monthly benefit allotment tables will be adjusted as announced by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Service (FNS).

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1	\$ <del>204</del> 250
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Household Size	Minimum Monthly Allotment Effective October 1, <del>2020</del> 2021
1-2	\$ <del>16</del> 20

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5	\$ <del>2,557</del> 2,587
6	\$ <del>2,930</del> 2,965
7	\$ <del>3,304</del> 3,344
8	\$ <del>3,677</del> 3,722
Each additional person	+\$ <del>374</del> 379

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#### 4.407.1 Standard Deduction

A standard deduction of 8.31% of the federal poverty income guidelines for the household size AS DESCRIBED IN 4.401.2 will be used to calculate the amount that is allowed to all households. The established standard amount will be adjusted annually as announced by the Food and Nutrition Service, USDA. The calculation of 8.31% of the federal poverty income guidelines for eligible members will be used for all households up to the household size of six (6). All households with six (6) or more eligible members will use the six (6) person standard deduction.

Standard Deduction Amount				
Household Size	1-3	4	5	6+
Effective October 1, <del>2020</del> 2021	\$ <del>167</del> 177	\$ <del>181</del> 184	\$ <del>212</del> 215	\$ <del>243</del> 246

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## 4.407.3 Excess Shelter Deduction

B. A shelter deduction cap, as specified below, applies to households that do not contain a person who is elderly and/or a person with a disability as defined in Section 4.304.41. Those households containing a person who is elderly and/or a person with a disability shall receive an excess shelter deduction for the monthly cost of shelter that exceeds fifty percent (50%) of the household's monthly income after all other applicable deductions.

Shelter Deduction Ca	р
Effective October 1, <del>2020</del> 2021	\$ <del>586</del> 597

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The Homeless Shelter Deduction is as follows:

Homeless Shelter Deduction		
Effective October 1, <del>2020</del> 2021	\$ <del>156.74</del> 159.73	

All homeless households that incur, or reasonably expect to incur, shelter costs during a month shall be eligible for the estimate, unless higher shelter costs are verified, at which point the household may use actual shelter costs rather than the estimate.

Homeless households that incur no shelter costs during the month shall not be eligible for the homeless shelter deduction

If a homeless household has difficulty in obtaining traditional types of verification of shelter costs, the eligibility technician shall use the prudent person principle in determining if verification obtained is adequate.

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### 4.407.31 Four-Tiered Mandatory Standard Utility Allowance

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A. Heating and Cooling Utility Allowance (HCUA)

The HCUA standard is as follows:

HCUA Standard
Effective October 1, 20202021 \$486493

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B. Basic Utility Allowance (BUA)

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3. The BUA standard is as follows:

BUA Standard	
Effective October 1, 20192021	\$ <del>310</del> 314

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C. One Utility Allowance (OUA)

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3. The OUA standard is as follows:

OUA Standard	
Effective October 1, <del>2019</del> 2021	\$ <del>58</del> 59

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D. Telephone Allowance

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2. The telephone allowance is as follows:

Telephone Standard	
Effective October 1, 20192021	\$ <del>79</del> 80

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### 4.408 RESOURCE ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS

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E. The resource limits are as follows: Effective October 1, 20172021, the resource limit for households that contain a member who is elderly and/or a person with a disability is three thousand five hundred SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$3,5003,750). The resource limit for households that do not contain a member who is elderly and/or a person with a disability is two thousand FIVE HUNDRED two hundred fifty dollars (\$2,2502,500).

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