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Subject: **1. TANF Maximum Grant Amounts**
2. SNAP Income Limits, Deductions, and Allotments
3. SNAP-CAP Shelter Threshold and Allotments

The information in this bulletin will be included in a future handbook revision. Until the handbook is updated, staff must use the information in this bulletin. If you have any questions regarding the policy information in this bulletin, follow regional procedures.

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- [Medicaid for the Elderly and People with Disabilities Handbook \(MEPDH\)](https://hhs.texas.gov/laws-regulations/handbooks/mepd/policy-bulletins) at <https://hhs.texas.gov/laws-regulations/handbooks/mepd/policy-bulletins>;
- [Texas Works Handbook \(TWH\)](https://hhs.texas.gov/laws-regulations/handbooks/texas-works-handbook/texas-works-bulletins) at <https://hhs.texas.gov/laws-regulations/handbooks/texas-works-handbook/texas-works-bulletins>.

1. TANF Maximum Grant Amounts

Background

State law requires the monthly Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) maximum grant amounts be adjusted to 17 percent of the current federal poverty level (FPL). Effective Oct. 1, 2025, Texas HHSC revised the annual TANF maximum grant to reflect the FPL increase.

Current Policy

[TANF](#)

Staff must use the TANF Budgetary Allowances chart effective Oct. 1, 2024, to determine the maximum grant amount for TANF eligibility determination groups (EDGs). ([TWH C-111, Income Limits](#))

New Policy

[TANF](#)

Effective Oct. 1, 2025, staff must use the chart below to determine the maximum grant amount for TANF EDGs. There are no changes in the budgetary or recognizable needs amounts for these eligibility tests.

TANF Maximum Grants (Effective Oct. 1, 2025)

Family Size	Non-caretaker Cases	Caretaker Cases Without Second Parent	Caretaker Cases with Second Parent
1	\$130	\$159	---
2	\$188	\$331	\$253
3	\$263	\$382	\$418
4	\$314	\$459	\$470
5	\$403	\$510	\$545
6	\$435	\$586	\$597
7	\$543	\$636	\$670
8	\$596	\$724	\$722
9	\$684	\$776	\$810
10	\$737	\$864	\$862
11	\$824	\$916	\$950
12	\$877	\$1004	\$1003
13	\$965	\$1057	\$1090
14	\$1017	\$1144	\$1143
15	\$1104	\$1197	\$1230
Each additional person	+ \$88	+ \$88	+ \$88

Policy for EDGs Processed After September Mass Update

For the benefit month of:	Use the:
September 2025 or earlier,	Previous maximum grant amount.
October 2025 or later,	Updated maximum grant amount.

Automation

TIERS will update all active TANF EDGs on Sept. 6, 2025. The updated TANF grant amounts are budgeted in TIERS for benefit month October 2025 and ongoing. TIERS converts the benefit amount for TANF EDGs in ongoing status without an override designation and generates a combined Form TF0001, Notice of Case Action, for any SNAP, TANF, or Medical Assistance (MA) EDGs with a benefit change.

Note: A TIERS exception report for EDGs not included in the mass update is distributed for staff action. EDGs not updated will receive an explanation of the October cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) on the next Form TF0001 produced for that EDG.

Correspondence

The following language will be included on the Form TF0001 for TANF households with an increased allotment:

Benefit amounts for many people have changed. This is due to new federal and state laws or rules. Changes go into effect Oct. 1, 2025.

Handbook

Updates to the MEPDH are not required.

The TWH is currently scheduled to be updated in the October 2025 revision.

Training

Training is not required.

Effective Date

The policy is effective beginning with the October 2025 benefit month.

2. SNAP Income Limits, Deductions, and Allotments

Background

The allotments, deductions, and income amounts for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) are adjusted as an annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) to reflect changes in the federal poverty level (FPL).

Effective Oct. 1, 2025, guidance from the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) directs Texas HHSC to revise the following limits and amounts:

- maximum income limits;
- standard deduction;
- maximum excess shelter deduction;
- standard utility allowance (SUA);
- basic utility allowance (BUA);
- telephone standard;
- homeless shelter deduction; and
- allotment amounts.

Note: The standard medical expense (SME) deduction did not change.

Current Policy

SNAP

Staff must use the SNAP income limits, deductions, and allotment amounts effective Oct. 1, 2024, to determine eligibility for SNAP eligibility determination groups (EDGs). ([TWH C-121, Maximum Income Limits](#); [TWH C-121.1, Deduction Amounts](#); and [TWH C-1431, Whole Monthly Allotments by Household Size](#))

New Policy

SNAP

Effective Oct. 1, 2025, staff must use the income limits, deductions, and allotment amounts below to determine eligibility for SNAP EDGs.

Maximum SNAP Income Limits (Effective Oct. 1, 2025)

Household Size	Gross (130%)	Net (100%)	165%**
1	\$1,696	\$1,305	\$2,152
2	\$2,292	\$1,763	\$2,909
3	\$2,888	\$2,221	\$3,665
4	\$3,483	\$2,680	\$4,421
5	\$4,079	\$3,138	\$5,177
6	\$4,675	\$3,596	\$5,934
7	\$5,271	\$4,055	\$6,690
8	\$5,867	\$4,513	\$7,446
9	\$6,463	\$4,972	\$8,203
10	\$7,059	\$5,431	\$8,960
Each additional person	+ \$596	+ \$459	+ \$757

**The figures in the 165% column are used to determine if an elderly person with a disability living with others may claim separate household status even though the person purchases or prepares food with the others. The figures in this column are also the gross income limits for categorically eligible households.

Standard or Maximum Deduction Amounts (Effective Oct. 1, 2025)

Use the following updated deduction amounts:

- Standard Deduction:
 - If household size is three or less — \$209
 - If household size is four — \$223
 - If household size is five — \$261
 - If household size is six or more — \$299
- SME Deduction — \$170 (minus \$35)
- Maximum Excess Shelter Deduction — \$744
- SUA — \$445
- BUA — \$400
- Telephone Standard — \$62
- Homeless Shelter Deduction — \$198.99

SNAP Allotment Amounts (Effective Oct. 1, 2025)

SNAP allotment charts providing the whole monthly allotments by household size are included as an attachment to this bulletin. The minimum monthly SNAP allotment for a one or two-person household is \$24.

Policy for EDGs Processed After September Mass Update

For the benefit month of:	eligibility is determined using the:
September 2025 or earlier,	Previous income limits, standard deduction amount, maximum excess shelter deduction, SUA and BUA, telephone standard, homeless shelter deduction, and allotment amounts for determining that month's benefits.
October 2025 and ongoing,	Updated income limits, standard deduction amounts, maximum excess shelter deduction, SUA and BUA, telephone standard, homeless shelter deduction, and allotment amounts for determining that month's benefits. This includes households applying after Sept. 15, 2025, who meet the combined allotment eligibility criteria. The updated 130% FPL amounts are used to notify a streamlined reporting household of the reporting requirement at application, recertification, or incomplete review when the action is disposed on or after Oct. 1, 2025.*

*TIERS automatically uses the correct amounts for each month.

Automation

TIERS will update all active SNAP EDGs on Sept. 6, 2025. The updated income limits, deductions, and allotments are budgeted in TIERS for benefit month October 2025 and ongoing. The appropriate income limits, deductions, and allotments are automatically applied for each benefit month, whether the benefit month is before or after the October COLA (including combined allotment situations). TIERS converts the benefit amount for SNAP EDGs in ongoing status without an override designation and generates a combined Form TF0001, Notice of Case Action, for any SNAP, TANF, or Medical Assistance (MA) EDG with a benefit change.

Note: A TIERS exception report for EDGs not included in the mass update is distributed for staff action. EDGs not updated will receive an explanation of the October COLA on the next Form TF0001 produced for that EDG.

Correspondence

The following language will be included on the Form TF0001 for SNAP households with an increased or decreased allotment:

Benefit amounts for many people have changed. This is due to new federal and state laws or rules. Changes go into effect Oct. 1, 2025.

Handbook

Updates to the MEPDH are not required.

The TWH is currently scheduled to be updated in the October 2025 revision.

Training

Training is not required.

Effective Date

The policy is effective beginning with the October 2025 benefit month.

3. SNAP-CAP Shelter Threshold and Allotments

Background

The shelter and allotment amount for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Combined Application Project (SNAP-CAP) are adjusted periodically to reflect changes in SNAP and SSI benefit levels. Effective Oct. 1, 2025, recent guidance from the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) directs Texas HHSC to adjust the SNAP-CAP allotment amounts.

Current Policy

[SNAP-CAP](#)

SNAP-CAP recipients receive a standard allotment amount based on their monthly shelter expenses if monthly shelter expenses are:

- Less than or equal to \$440 per month, the monthly SNAP-CAP allotment is \$144.
- More than \$440 per month, the monthly SNAP-CAP allotment is \$233. ([TWH B-475.1, Overview](#))

New Policy

[SNAP-CAP](#)

Effective with October 2025 benefit month, if monthly shelter expenses are:

- Less than or equal to \$624 per month, the monthly SNAP-CAP allotment is \$115.
- More than \$624 per month, the monthly SNAP-CAP allotment is \$161.

Automation

TIERS will update all active SNAP-CAP EDGs on Sept. 6, 2025. The updated allotments are budgeted in TIERS for benefit month October 2025 and ongoing. The appropriate allotments are automatically applied for each benefit month, whether the benefit month is before or after the October COLA (including combined allotment situations). TIERS converts the benefit amount for SNAP-CAP EDGs in ongoing status without an override designation and generates a [Form H1843, Your SNAP-CAP Food Benefits Have Changed](#), for the SNAP-CAP benefit change.

Correspondence

[Forms H1841, SNAP-CAP Application](#), and [H1842, SNAP-CAP Renewal Application](#), will be updated to show new shelter threshold and allotment amounts. Form H1843 will be triggered to be sent out to all SNAP-CAP households due to adjustment in SNAP CAP allotment and include the following notice language:

Due to federal law, your food benefits will change as of October 2025.

- *If you got \$144.00 per month, you will now get \$115.00 per month if your housing and utility costs together are \$624.00 or less a month.*
- *If you got \$233.00 per month, you will now get \$161.00 per month if your housing and utility costs together are more than \$624.00 a month.*

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Training

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Effective Date

This policy is effective beginning with the October 2025 benefit month.