



**DELAWARE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES
POLICY AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT UNIT**

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTICE A-07-2022

TO: DSS & DMMA Staff

DATE: September 7, 2022

PROGRAMS: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)/Food Benefits
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
General Assistance (GA)
Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA)
Purchase of Care (POC)/Child Care

SUBJECT: **October 2022 Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs)**

BACKGROUND

Each October, indexed adjustments are made to the Federal Poverty Levels (FPLs) affecting DSS benefit programs.

This notice contains updated amounts for program income eligibility standards, deduction amounts, and benefit allotments for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023. These new amounts are effective from October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023.

DISCUSSION

The following attachments contain the FFY 2023 COLA changes which are effective beginning October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.

Attachment A: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

Changes were made to the food benefit maximum allotments, income eligibility standards, deductions, and resource limits.

The Basis of EBT Issuance allotment tables are available in the Outlook Public Folders under DHSS/DSS/Policy/Food Supplement Program/2023 COLA Documents.

Attachment B: Cash Assistance Programs

Changes were made to the TANF income eligibility standards.

Attachment C: Purchase of Care (POC) Program

Changes were made to the child care income eligibility standards and sliding fee scale.

Attachment D: Simplified Reporting Rules for Food Benefits

The income table was revised based on changes in the income eligibility standards.

Attachment E: Reporting Rules for Child Care

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ACTION REQUIRED

The FFY 2023 COLA changes will be updated in ASSIST Worker Web (AWW) for SNAP, Cash Assistance, and POC when mass change is run in September 2022.

- For September benefits, AWW will use the FFY 2022 program income eligibility standards, deduction amounts, and benefit allotments to determine eligibility.
- For October benefits, AWW will use the FFY 2023 program income eligibility standards, deduction amounts, and benefit allotments to determine eligibility.

POC Child Care Cases

Beginning October 1, 2022, AWW will use the new FFY 2023 income limits to determine eligibility and assign copayments for all new and redetermined child care cases.

- If a family with an existing authorization would receive a decrease in their copayment amount based on the new income limits, the authorization for October and any subsequent months will be updated to reflect the decreased copayment.
- If a family with an existing authorization would receive an increase in their copayment amount based on the new income limits, the copayment may only increase if the authorization has not met the maximum copayment assignment.

Signed 9/7/2022

THOMAS HALL

DIRECTOR

DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

Attachment B: Cash Assistance Programs

Attachment C: Purchase of Care (POC) Program

Attachment D: Simplified Reporting Rules for Food Benefits

Attachment E: Reporting Rules for Child Care

Attachment A

**SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)
FFY 2023**

OCTOBER 1, 2022 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

MAXIMUM FOOD BENEFIT ALLOTMENTS		
<i>Household Size</i>	<i>Old Amount 10/2021</i>	<i>New Amount 10/2022</i>
1	\$250	\$281
2	\$459	\$516
3	\$658	\$740
4	\$835	\$939
5	\$992	\$1,116
6	\$1,190	\$1,339
7	\$1,316	\$1,480
8	\$1,504	\$1,691
Each additional member	\$188	\$211

MINIMUM FOOD BENEFIT ALLOTMENTS		
<i>Household Size</i>	<i>Old Amount 10/2021</i>	<i>New Amount 10/2022</i>
1-2	\$20	\$23

STANDARD DEDUCTIONS		
<i>Household Size</i>	<i>Old Amount 10/2021</i>	<i>New Amount 10/2022</i>
1-3	\$177	\$193
4	\$184	\$193
5	\$215	\$225
6+	\$246	\$258

Attachment A

**SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)
FFY 2023**

OCTOBER 1, 2022 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

MAXIMUM EXCESS SHELTER DEDUCTION	
<i>Old Amount 10/2021</i>	<i>New Amount 10/2022</i>
\$597	\$624

HOMELESS SHELTER DEDUCTION	
<i>Old Amount 10/2021</i>	<i>New Amount 10/2022</i>
\$159.73	\$166.81

SELF-EMPLOYMENT STANDARD DEDUCTION	
<i>Old Amount 10/2021</i>	<i>New Amount 10/2022</i>
44%	43%

STANDARD UTILITY ALLOWANCES		
<i>Type of Utility</i>	<i>Old Amount 10/2021</i>	<i>New Amount 10/2022</i>
Heating/Cooling	\$425	\$545
Limited (Non-Heating/Cooling)	\$294	\$374
One Utility	\$75	\$75
Telephone	\$36	\$34

MAXIMUM RESOURCE LIMITS		
<i>Household Type</i>	<i>Old Amount 10/2021</i>	<i>New Amount 10/2022</i>
Households with at least one member who is age 60 or older or is disabled	\$3,750	\$4,250
All other households	\$2,500	\$2,750

Attachment A

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)

FFY 2023

OCTOBER 1, 2022 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

MAXIMUM LIMIT FOR LOTTERY AND GAMBLING WINNINGS	
<i>Old Amount 10/2021</i>	<i>New Amount 10/2022</i>
\$3,750	\$4,250

FOOD BENEFIT INCOME ELIGIBILITY LIMITS					
<i>Household Size</i>	<i>Maximum Gross Monthly Income 200% FPL <i>Categorically Eligible</i></i>	<i>Elderly / Disabled Separate Household 165% FPL</i>	<i>Maximum Gross Monthly Income 130% FPL <i>Simplified Reporting</i></i>	<i>Maximum Net Monthly Income 100% FPL</i>	<i>Maximum Allotment</i>
1	\$2,266	\$1,869	\$1,473	\$1,133	\$281
2	\$3,052	\$2,518	\$1,984	\$1,526	\$516
3	\$3,840	\$3,167	\$2,495	\$1,920	\$740
4	\$4,626	\$3,816	\$3,007	\$2,313	\$939
5	\$5,412	\$4,465	\$3,518	\$2,706	\$1,116
6	\$6,200	\$5,114	\$4,029	\$3,100	\$1,339
7	\$6,986	\$5,763	\$4,541	\$3,493	\$1,480
8	\$7,772	\$6,412	\$5,052	\$3,886	\$1,691
Each additional member	\$788	\$649	\$512	\$394	\$211

Attachment B

**CASH ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS
FFY 2023
OCTOBER 1, 2022 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

TANF PROGRAM STANDARDS OF NEED AND PAYMENT STANDARDS			
<i>Number of People in the Budget Group</i>	<i>185% of the Standard of Need</i>	<i>Standard of Need 75% FPL</i>	<i>Payment Standard for TANF & RCA</i>
1	\$1,573	\$850	\$201
2	\$2,118	\$1,145	\$270
3	\$2,664	\$1,440	\$338
4	\$3,210	\$1,735	\$407
5	\$3,756	\$2,030	\$475
6	\$4,301	\$2,325	\$544
7	\$4,847	\$2,620	\$612
8	\$5,393	\$2,915	\$681
9	\$5,939	\$3,210	\$750
10	\$6,486	\$3,506	\$819
11	\$7,032	\$3,801	\$888
12	\$7,579	\$4,097	\$957
13	\$8,125	\$4,392	\$1,026
14	\$8,673	\$4,688	\$1,095
15	\$9,219	\$4,983	\$1,164
16	\$9,766	\$5,279	\$1,233
17	\$10,312	\$5,574	\$1,302
18	\$10,860	\$5,870	\$1,371

Attachment B

**CASH ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS
FFY 2023
OCTOBER 1, 2022 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM STANDARDS OF NEED AND PAYMENT STANDARDS		
<i>Number of People in the Budget Group</i>	<i>Standard of Need</i>	<i>Payment Standard</i>
1	\$79	\$79
2	\$107	\$107
3	\$144	\$144
4	\$169	\$169
5	\$209	\$209
6	\$239	\$239
7	\$266	\$266

TANF MAXIMUM DEPENDENT CARE DEDUCTIONS	
<i>Age of Child</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Under 2 years old	\$ 200
2 years old and older	\$ 175

RESOURCE LIMITS	
<i>Program</i>	<i>Amount</i>
General Assistance	\$1,000
TANF	\$10,000

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION BONUS
\$350

Attachment C

**PURCHASE OF CARE (POC) PROGRAM
 FFY 2023
 OCTOBER 1, 2022 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

CHILD CARE INCOME ELIGIBILITY LIMITS & SLIDING FEE SCALE							
<i>MONTHLY COPAYMENTS ARE BASED ON COUNTABLE FAMILY INCOME</i>							
<i>Family Size</i>	<i>Maximum Gross Monthly Income at Application 185% FPL</i>	<i>Maximum Gross Monthly Income at Redetermination 200% FPL</i>	<i>Maximum Gross Monthly Income during Authorization 85% SMI</i>	<i>Excessive Financial Burden for Copayments ≤ 40% FPL</i>	<i>Waived Copayments ≤ 70% FPL</i>	<i>4% of Gross Income Applied to Copayments >70% - 105% FPL</i>	<i>9% of Gross Income Applied to Copayments >105% - 200% FPL</i>
1	\$2,096	\$2,266	\$3,894	\$453	\$793	\$794 - \$1,190	\$1,191 - \$2,266
2	\$2,823	\$3,052	\$5,092	\$610	\$1,068	\$1,069 - \$1,602	\$1,603 - \$3,052
3	\$3,552	\$3,840	\$6,290	\$768	\$1,344	\$1,345 - \$2,016	\$2,017 - \$3,840
4	\$4,279	\$4,626	\$7,488	\$925	\$1,619	\$1,620 - \$2,429	\$2,430 - \$4,626
5	\$5,006	\$5,412	\$8,686	\$1,082	\$1,894	\$1,895 - \$2,841	\$2,842 - \$5,412
6	\$5,735	\$6,200	\$9,884	\$1,240	\$2,170	\$2,171 - \$3,255	\$3,256 - \$6,200
7	\$6,462	\$6,986	\$10,108	\$1,397	\$2,445	\$2,446 - \$3,668	\$3,669 - \$6,986
8	\$7,189	\$7,772	\$10,333	\$1,554	\$2,720	\$2,721 - \$4,080	\$4,081 - \$7,772
9	\$7,918	\$8,560	\$10,557	\$1,712	\$2,996	\$2,997 - \$4,494	\$4,495 - \$8,560
10	\$8,647	\$9,348	\$10,782	\$1,870	\$3,272	\$3,273 - \$4,908	\$4,909 - \$9,348
11	\$9,376	\$10,136	\$11,007	\$2,027	\$3,548	\$3,549 - \$5,321	\$5,322 - \$10,136
12	\$10,105	\$10,924	\$11,231	\$2,185	\$3,823	\$3,824 - \$5,735	\$5,736 - \$10,924
13	\$10,834	\$11,712	\$11,456	\$2,342	\$4,099	\$4,100 - \$6,149	\$6,150 - \$11,712
14	\$11,563	\$12,500	\$11,681	\$2,500	\$4,375	\$4,376 - \$6,563	\$6,564 - \$12,500
15	\$12,291	\$13,288	\$11,905	\$2,658	\$4,651	\$4,652 - \$6,976	\$6,977 - \$13,288
16	\$13,020	\$14,076	\$12,130	\$2,815	\$4,927	\$4,928 - \$7,390	\$7,391 - \$14,076
17	\$13,749	\$14,864	\$12,354	\$2,973	\$5,202	\$5,203 - \$7,804	\$7,805 - \$14,864
18	\$14,478	\$15,652	\$12,579	\$3,130	\$5,478	\$5,479 - \$8,217	\$8,218 - \$15,652

Attachment D

**SIMPLIFIED REPORTING RULES FOR FOOD BENEFITS
OCTOBER 1, 2022 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

You must report the changes listed below if you receive Food Benefits.

- 1. MONTHLY INCOME CHANGE:** You must report when your household’s total monthly income is more than the amount listed in the table below for your household size. You must report your total monthly income to the Division of Social Services or Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance within **10 days** after the end of the month that your income increased. You must show your paycheck stubs to the Division of Social Services or Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance.

<i>Number of People in Your Food Benefit Case</i>	<i>Food Benefit Household Monthly Income</i>
1	\$1,473
2	\$1,984
3	\$2,495
4	\$3,007
5	\$3,518
6	\$4,029
7	\$4,541
8	\$5,052
For each additional person, add:	\$512

Monthly Gross Earned Income + Monthly Unearned Income = Total Monthly Income

To calculate your household’s total monthly income, add the gross amount of all earned income (the amount of income from employment before deductions are taken out) to the amount of all unearned income (such as Social Security benefits, child support, or other cash assistance) that is received by everyone in your household during the month.

- 2. LOTTERY OR GAMBLING WINNINGS:** You must report when anyone in your household receives lottery or gambling winnings of **\$4,250 or more**. You must report lottery or gambling winnings to the Division of Social Services or Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance within **10 days** after receiving the winnings even if you spend or give away the winnings.
- 3. WORK HOURS FOR ADULTS LIVING IN A HOME WITHOUT ANY MINOR CHILDREN:** If you are an adult living in a household without any minor children and you are getting Food Benefits because you are working **80 hours or more per month**, you must report when you start working less than **80 hours per month**. You must report your new work hours to the Division of Social Services or Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance within **10 days** after the end of the month that your hours decreased.

To report a change:

- **Call the Change Report Center at 1-866-843-7212; or**
- **Contact your local Division of Social Services or Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance office; or**
- **Login to your Delaware ASSIST account at <https://assist.dhss.delaware.gov>**

You are not required to report other changes in your Food Benefit household's circumstances. This reporting requirement is for Food Benefits only. If you report a change, the Division of Social Services or Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance will take action on it and will notify you if the change results in either an increase or decrease in your benefits.

You must immediately report any changes in your household’s circumstances for Cash Assistance and Medical Assistance.

Attachment E

**REPORTING RULES FOR CHILD CARE
OCTOBER 1, 2022 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

If you are receiving Child Care Assistance, you are required to report a change in income when your family's total monthly income increases to greater than 85% of the State Median Income (SMI) shown below. You must report this increase in income to the Division of Social Services within 10 days of the change.

85% STATE MEDIAN INCOME (SMI) LIMITS

<i>Household Size</i>	<i>Yearly State Median Income</i>	<i>Monthly Income 85% SMI</i>	<i>Weekly Income 85% SMI</i>	<i>Bi-weekly Income 85% SMI</i>	<i>Semi-Monthly Income 85% SMI</i>
1	\$54,967	\$3,894	\$899	\$1,803	\$1,947
2	\$71,880	\$5,092	\$1,176	\$2,357	\$2,546
3	\$88,793	\$6,290	\$1,453	\$2,912	\$3,145
4	\$105,706	\$7,488	\$1,729	\$3,467	\$3,744
5	\$122,619	\$8,686	\$2,006	\$4,021	\$4,343
6	\$139,532	\$9,884	\$2,283	\$4,576	\$4,942
7	\$142,703	\$10,108	\$2,334	\$4,680	\$5,054
8	\$145,874	\$10,333	\$2,386	\$4,784	\$5,167
9	\$149,045	\$10,557	\$2,438	\$4,888	\$5,279
10	\$152,217	\$10,782	\$2,490	\$4,992	\$5,391
11	\$155,388	\$11,007	\$2,542	\$5,096	\$5,504
12	\$158,559	\$11,231	\$2,594	\$5,200	\$5,616
13	\$161,730	\$11,456	\$2,646	\$5,304	\$5,728
14	\$164,901	\$11,681	\$2,698	\$5,408	\$5,841
15	\$168,073	\$11,905	\$2,749	\$5,512	\$5,953
16	\$171,244	\$12,130	\$2,801	\$5,616	\$6,065
17	\$174,415	\$12,354	\$2,853	\$5,719	\$6,177
18	\$177,586	\$12,579	\$2,905	\$5,824	\$6,290

Monthly Gross Earned Income + Monthly Unearned Income = Total Monthly Income

To calculate your household's total monthly income, add the gross amount of all earned income (the amount of income from employment before deductions are taken out) to the amount of all unearned income (such as Social Security benefits, child support, or other cash assistance) that is received by everyone in your household during the month.

You must also report a non-temporary change that affects your need for child care within 10 days of the change.

Examples of non-temporary changes include:

- **Loss of employment; or**
- **Completion of an education or training program; or**
- **Permanent change in state residency**

To report a change:

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- **Contact your local Division of Social Services office; or**
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