



## Cost of Living Adjustments Fiscal Year 2002

*The following memorandum, with enclosed tables, was sent to all food stamp State agencies on July 30, 2001, to alert them to the Fiscal Year 2002 cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs) in food stamp maximum allotments, deductions, and income eligibility standards. The COLAs take effect October 1, 2001.*

### Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed are the fiscal year (FY) 2002 cost-of-living adjustments to the Food Stamp Program's allotments for the 48 States and D.C., and the deductions and income eligibility standards for the 48 States and D.C., Alaska, Hawaii, Guam and the Virgin Islands. These adjustments are scheduled to go into effect on October 1, 2001. We are providing these numbers to you now so you can make the necessary changes by that time.

Below is a chart comparing FY 2001 numbers and FY 2002 numbers:

4 Person Household	FY 01	FY 02
Maximum Allotment	\$434	\$452
Maximum Net Income Eligibility Standard	\$1,421	\$1,471
Maximum Gross Income Eligibility Standard	\$1,848	\$1,913
Excess Shelter Expense Deduction	\$340	\$354

In accordance with the Agriculture Appropriations Act of 2001, the new excess shelter expense deduction only applies to certification periods beginning on or after March 1, 2001. The standard deduction and the homeless shelter allowance remain the same as last year.

We are also sending you a revised basis-of-issuance table. Only one copy is being sent to expedite the mail delivery.

Signed July 30, 2001

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