



POLICY CHANGE ALERT #15-029F

TITLE: NA COLA ADJUSTMENTS

ISSUE DATE: 08/31/2015

EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/01/15

Summary

Programs Impacted: NA

This Policy Change Alert is being issued to inform staff of the Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) changes for the Nutrition Assistance (NA) program effective 10/01/15. All of the following are increasing due to the COLA changes for the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2016:

- All income eligibility standards.
- The standard deduction amount for budgetary units of four or more.
- The maximum allowable shelter cost deduction for regular budgetary units.

FAA Systems and the Division of Technology Services (DTS) plan to run a process (mass change) to update all cases for the benefit month of 10/2015. To be updated, all cases must be in the current system month of 10/15. The Agency Action on NA Benefits X606, AZTECS notice, will be sent when the update causes a change in the benefit amount. This is tentatively scheduled for 09/17/15.

Revision Details

The FAA Policy Manual will be updated to include the information in this Policy Change Alert during one of the next bimonthly revisions. Until then, an alert will be placed in each revised section with a link to this document as a reminder of the policy change.

FAA6.S05B – Standard Deduction Amount

Effective October 01, 2015

The [NA standard deduction](#) amount is as follows:

NA Budgetary Unit Size	Standard Deduction Amount
1	\$155
2	\$155
3	\$155
4	\$168
5	\$197
6 or more participants	\$226



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FAA6.S04B.01 – NA Gross Monthly Income Eligibility Standard

Income Eligibility Standard (130% of the Federal Poverty Level)

Effective October 01, 2015

<u>NA Budgetary Unit Size</u>	<u>Maximum Gross Monthly Income</u>
1	\$1276
2	\$1726
3	\$2177
4	\$2628
5	\$3078
6	\$3529
7	\$3980
8	\$4430

Each Additional Participant, add **\$451**

FAA6.S04B.02 – NA Net Monthly Income Eligibility Standards

Effective October 01, 2015

<u>NA Budgetary Unit Size</u>	<u>Maximum Net Monthly Income</u>
1	\$981
2	\$1328
3	\$1675
4	\$2021
5	\$2368
6	\$2715
7	\$3061
8	\$3408

Each Additional Participant, add **\$347**



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FAA6.S04B.03 – 165% of Federal Poverty Level (Disabled Elderly)

Effective October 01, 2015

The Maximum Gross Monthly Income of others who live with elderly or disabled participants may not exceed the following amounts:

<u>NA Budgetary Unit Size</u>	<u>Maximum Gross Monthly Income</u>
1	\$1619
2	\$2191
3	\$2763
4	\$3335
5	\$3907
6	\$4479
7	\$5051
8	\$5623

Each Additional Participant, add **\$572**

FAA6.S05C – Shelter Deduction Amount

Effective October 01, 2015

The maximum shelter deduction amount for budgetary units with no elderly or disabled participants is **\$504**.

(See [Shelter Deductions](#))



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FAA6.S04B.04 – 185% of Federal Poverty Level (Expanded Categorical Eligibility)

Effective October 01, 2015

The maximum gross monthly Income (185% of the current FPL) of categorically eligible NA budgetary units may not exceed the following amounts:

<u>NA Budgetary Unit Size</u>	<u>Maximum Gross Monthly Income</u>
1	\$1815
2	\$2456
3	\$3098
4	\$3739
5	\$4380
6	\$5022
7	\$5663
8	\$6304

Each Additional Participant, add **\$642**

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