

2. Transmittal of payments to the DFD: At the end of each calendar month a check shall be drawn, payable to "Treasurer, State of New Jersey", for the total amount of such funds received during that month and transmitted to the DFD.

i. Form FSP-965: Along with the consolidated check, the CWA shall submit a Form FSP-965, "Claims Accounts" indicating the case number, the household's name, amount of claim, current payment, amount paid to date and balance due. Separate schedules shall be submitted for Claims Paid in Full, Partial Payments and New Claims and Payments for Ongoing Accounts.

(f) Accounting procedures: Each CWA shall be responsible for maintaining an accounting system for monitoring claims against households. The accounting system shall be designed to accomplish the following:

1. Document circumstances: Document the circumstances which resulted in a claim, the procedures used to calculate the claim, the methods used to collect the claim and, if applicable, the circumstances which resulted in suspension or termination of collection action.

2. Identify unreturned benefits: Identify those situations in which an amount not yet restored to a household can be used to offset a claim owed by the household.

3. Identify households failing to make payments: Identify those households that have failed to make installment payments on their claims.

4. Document collections: Document how much money was collected and how much was submitted to the DFD.

(g) Claims discharged through bankruptcy: The CWA shall act on behalf of, and as, FNS in any bankruptcy proceeding against any bankrupt households owing food stamp claims. The CWA shall possess rights, priorities, interests, liens or privileges, and shall participate in any distributions of assets, to the same extent as FNS. Acting as FNS, the CWA shall have the power and authority to file objections to discharge, proofs of claims, exceptions to discharge, petitions for revocation of discharge, and any other documents, motions or objections which FNS might have filed. Any amounts collected under this authority shall be transmitted to the DFD as provided in (d) above.

(h) Other collection action: The CWA may also pursue other collection actions, as appropriate, to obtain restitution of a claim against any household which fails to respond to a written demand letter for repayment of a claim.

(i) CWAs are prohibited from commencing or continuing the collection of a food stamp claim against an overissued household which is awaiting the outcome of a bankruptcy court petition.

Amended by R.1979 d.422, effective October 18, 1979.
See: 11 N.J.R. 379(a), 11 N.J.R. 559(d).
Amended by R.1983 d.224, effective May 31, 1983.
See: 15 N.J.R. 633(a), 15 N.J.R. 1034(a).

Originally adopted as an Emergency Rule, R.1983 d.117 eff. March 31, 1983, operative April 1, 1983. The amendments are pursuant to the Food Stamp Act Amendments of 1982 (P.L. 97-253) and the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 (P.L. 97-35).

Text formerly at 10:87-11.28; rules greatly expanded.
Amended by R.1984 d.68, effective March 19, 1984.
See: 15 N.J.R. 2134(b), 16 N.J.R. 550(a).

(a)7, other collection action, added.
Amended by R.1985 d.346, effective July 1, 1985.
See: 17 N.J.R. 883(a), 17 N.J.R. 1659(a).

(a)3iii(5) added.
Amended by R.1989 d.121, effective February 21, 1989.
See: 20 N.J.R. 2689(a), 21 N.J.R. 511(b).
Recodified from 11.29 and substantially amended.
Amended by R.1990 d.270, effective May 21, 1990.
See: 22 N.J.R. 139(a), 22 N.J.R. 1599(a).
Added new Subsection (i).

10:87-11.32 Interstate claims collection

(a) A household which relocates from another State into an area under the jurisdiction of New Jersey shall be subject to claims collection for any overissuance the household incurred while receiving food stamp benefits.

(b) Prior to initiating action to collect an overissuance which occurred in another State, the CWA shall contact the State agency which overissued the benefits to ascertain their intention to pursue prompt collection. The State agency which overissued the benefits shall have the first opportunity to collect an overissuance.

(c) The CWA should initiate action to collect the overissuance if the State agency which overissued benefits fails or is unwilling to take prompt collection action. Claims collected shall be retained by DFD in accordance with current fiscal procedures.

New Rule, R.1989 d.121, effective February 21, 1989.
See: 20 N.J.R. 2689(a), 21 N.J.R. 511(b).

10:87-11.33 CWA reporting requirements for incorrect issuances

(a) Each CWA shall report information concerning individuals disqualified for intentional program violation, including those individuals disqualified based on the determination of an administrative disqualification hearing official or a court of appropriate jurisdiction and those individuals disqualified as a result of signing either a waiver of right to a disqualification hearing or a disqualification consent agreement. This information shall be submitted to the Division of Family Development no later than 10 days after the date the disqualification either took effect or would have taken effect. The data submitted will be made available for use by other county and State welfare agencies.

(b) The CWA may determine the eligibility of program applicants to those cases where the agency believes that a household member is subject to disqualification in another jurisdiction. This procedure does not restrict CWAs from screening all program applicants prior to certification or periodically matching the entire list of disqualified individuals against current caseloads.

(c) The CWA shall submit a report to purge the data file of information relating to a disqualification in cases where the IPV is reversed by a court of appropriate jurisdiction.

New Rule, R.1989 d.121, effective February 21, 1989.
See: 20 N.J.R. 2689(a), 21 N.J.R. 511(b).

SUBCHAPTER 12. TABLES

Subchapter Historical Note

Public Notice: Change in standards for food stamp income eligibility.
See: 23 N.J.R. 3030(a). See annotations at the section level for further amendments.

10:87-12.1 Income deductions

(a) The Standard Deduction shall be that calculated by the United States Department of Agriculture pursuant to 7 CFR 273.9(d)(7), published annually in the Federal Register, pursuant to 7 CFR 273.9(d)(1), and effective October 1 of each year.

(b) The Shelter Deduction shall be that calculated by the United States Department of Agriculture pursuant to 7 CFR 273.9(d)(8), published annually in the Federal Register, pursuant to 7 CFR 273.9(d)(5), and effective October 1 of each year.

(c) The Uniform Telephone Allowance shall be calculated by totalling the New Jersey Bell Telephone Company highest regional Flat Rate Service charge, the FCC subscriber line charge, applicable Federal Tax and the monthly A.T. & T. monthly leasing charge for a rotary dial telephone. As required by 7 CFR 273.9(d)(6), DFD shall review and adjust the Uniform Telephone Allowance on July 1, to be effective October 1 of each year.

(d) The Standard Utility Allowance shall be recalculated annually by DFD effective October 1, in accordance with 7 CFR 273.9(d) and the "Texas" methodology described in USDA Notice No. 79-47, issued May 25, 1979 and shall be the sum of the following:

1. The Major Non-Heating Utility component shall be calculated by collecting data from food stamp households in 1977 and 1978 to ascertain the non-heating utility expenses which those households incurred. The data shall be arranged to project what the 95th percentile of such monthly costs are, thus arriving at a Base Period amount of \$49.00 per month. The Base Period amount shall be updated to reflect projected non-heating major utility costs by using the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Indices-Urban "Fuels" item for the New York/Northern New Jersey and Philadelphia metropolitan regions to create an average "New Jersey Consumer Price Index" (NJCPI-U) which represents major non-heating utility costs incurred in New Jersey urban areas. The 12 NJCPI-U statistics representing July of the previous year through June of the current year shall be trended (straight line, least squares method) to project the average non-heating index amounts for November of the current year to October of the following year. The comparison of this average to that which existed in 1977 shall produce an inflation adjustment factor to be applied to the average monthly non-heating base cost figure of \$49.00.

2. The Minor Non-Heating Utility component (representing sewerage, garbage, water, and trash) shall be calculated by collecting data from food stamp households in 1977 and 1978 to ascertain the minor non-heating utility expenses which those households incurred. The data shall be arranged to project what the 95th percentile of such costs are, thus arriving at a Base Period amount of \$1.34 per month. The Base Period amount shall be updated to reflect projected minor non-heating utility costs by using the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Indices-Urban "All Items" item for the New York/Northern New Jersey and Philadelphia metropolitan regions to create an average "New Jersey Consumer Price Index" (NJCPI-U) which represents minor non-heating utility costs incurred in New Jersey urban areas. The 12 NJCPI-U statistics representing July of the previous year through June of the current year shall be trended (straight line, least squares method) to project the average minor utility index amounts for November of the current year to October of the following year. The comparison of this average to that which existed in 1977 shall produce an inflation adjustment factor to be applied to the average monthly minor non-heating Base Period amount of \$1.34.

3. The Uniform Telephone Allowance described at N.J.A.C. 10:87-12.1(c) shall be a component of the SUA.

(e) The Heating Utility Allowance shall be recalculated annually by DFD effective October 1, in accordance with 7 CFR 273.9(d) and the "Texas" methodology described in USDA Notice No. 79-47, issued May 25, 1979 and shall be the sum of the following:

1. The Major Heating Utility component shall be calculated by collecting data from food stamp households in 1977 and 1978 to ascertain the heating utility expenses which those households incurred. The data shall be arranged to project what the 75th percentile of such monthly costs are, thus arriving at a winter Base Period amount of \$128.00 to represent November through April monthly utility costs, and a summer Base Period amount of \$44.00 to represent May through October monthly utility costs. Each base period amount shall be updated to reflect heating utility costs by using the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Indices-Urban "Fuels" item for the New York/Northern New Jersey and Philadelphia metropolitan regions. The six NJCPI-U statistics for July through December of the previous year shall be trended (straight line, least squares method) to project the average heating index amounts for November of the current year through April of the following year. The six NJCPI-U statistics for January through June of the following year shall be trended (straight line, least squares method) to project the average heating index amounts for May through October of the following year. Each amount shall be compared to the 1977 base data, thus creating an inflation adjustment factor. Each inflation adjustment factor shall be applied to the appropriate winter or summer Base Period amount. The totals shall be averaged to arrive at the annual Heating Utility component.