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The Agriculture Appropriations bills signed by the President on October 21, 1995 rolls back the Standard Deduction from \$138 to \$134.

Also, the vehicle exemption has been raised from \$4,550 to \$4,600.

Questions should be directed to the IM Policy Unit in the Office of Family Support.

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10/94		\$134						\$139
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** For Each Dependent

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limited to one for each benefit group, but is limited to one for each physically disabled person.*

Individuals who meet the definition of disability found in Chapter 12 qualify for this exclusion. In addition, individuals receiving disability benefits from VA, SSA, or the Railroad Retirement Board qualify, as well as those suffering from a temporary disability, such as a broken leg. Ongoing disabling conditions, such as a respiratory illness or conditions requiring ongoing chemotherapy also qualify the individual for this exclusion.

- The vehicle is necessary for travel, other than daily commuting, that is essential to the employment of the individual, such as the vehicle of a traveling salesman or migrant worker following the workstream, or

- The vehicle is the individual's home.

* **NOTE:** Real property that is not excluded under other provisions in this Chapter and that is directly related to the maintenance or use of a vehicle excluded under the above three items designated with an asterick (*) is excluded as an asset. Only that portion of real property determined necessary for maintenance or use under this policy is excluded.

* **EXAMPLE:** A client owns a produce truck and uses it to earn his livelihood. He is prohibited from parking the truck in a residential area. The client owns a 10-acre field, separate from his homestead property, and uses his field to park and/or service the truck. The client needs and uses about an acre of the field for this purpose. Only the value of the acre is excluded, not the entire 10-acre field.

* This exclusion is not affected by zoning laws or the client's ability to convert the property to a cash asset. Therefore, a client may not have more property than is needed for maintenance and use excluded because state and local laws prohibit subdividing the property or

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Unless the case has been determined ineligible at this point, the Worker considers all of the same vehicles considered in this Step again in Step 3.

STEP 3: EQUITY-EXEMPT VEHICLES

Certain other vehicles, not previously exempted, may be exempt from having the equity counted as an asset. If more than two vehicles are involved, and there is a question about which should be exempt for this step, the Worker and client must agree on which vehicle(s) meets the criteria below.

- One licensed vehicle used for household transportation. However, if the trade-in value exceeds \$4,600 from Step 2, the excess CMV amount is still an asset.
- Any additional licensed vehicles necessary for benefit group members to seek, accept or continue employment, training or education which is preparatory to employment. However, if the trade-in value exceeds \$4,600 from Step 2, the excess CMV amount is still an asset.

This exclusion extends through temporary periods of unemployment when the vehicle is not in use.

STEP 4: ALL OTHER VEHICLES

If the benefit group has any other vehicles not excluded by Steps 1 or 3, the equity of the vehicles must be considered. This includes unlicensed vehicles, which are only taken into consideration in this Step. The equity value is an asset. However, when a licensed vehicle has a trade-in value of more than \$4,600 and is also considered for equity value, the Worker must use the higher of the two figures (trade-in or equity) in determining the total assets.

The client's statement of the value of the vehicle is accepted, unless he does not know, or his stated value is questionable. If the value is not listed in NADA book, use the following instructions.