
Income

This includes the following:

- Residents of a private rental housing who are billed by the landlord for a heating or cooling cost based on actual use or charged a flat rate separately from the rent
- AG's that live in separate residences, but share a single meter
- AG's that rent different residences in the same building and share utility meters, and one is billed for heating and one is billed for another utility
- Residents of public housing with shared utility meters who are billed for excess heating or cooling costs.

NOTE: AG's that have utilities included in their rent and/or shelter payments, but are billed separately for a heating or cooling cost are eligible for the HCS.

(c) LIEAP Recipients

AG's which are recipients of LIEAP or share a residence and utility costs with a LIEAP recipient are eligible to receive the HCS. **LIEAP payments must be received in the current or proceeding month of determining eligibility regardless of any changes in the AG's address.**

(d) Ineligibility for the HCS

The AG is not eligible for the HCS when any of the following situations exist:

- The AG is using the Homeless Shelter Standard Deduction.
- The heating or cooling costs are included in the shelter obligation and are not billed separately.
- The AG receives an excluded utility supplement and does not have utility costs in excess of the amount of the excluded supplement.

NOTE: A recipient of LIEAP is eligible for the HCS, even if he falls into one of the groups listed above.

(2) Non-Heating/Cooling Standard (NHCS)

AGs that do not qualify for the HCS, but incur two or more utility expenses or at least one utility expense when sharing a residence that has two or more utilities, are eligible for the NHCS. To be eligible for the NHCS, the AG must also meet the following criteria.

(a) Separate Billing

The utility costs must be separate and apart from the rent or mortgage payment for the residence.

This includes the following:

3. Determining The Amount Of The Benefit

To determine the coupon allotment, find the countable income and the number in the AG in Appendix C. One- and two-person AG's who meet the gross and net income test or who are categorically eligible, as defined in Section 1.4.R, automatically receive a minimum benefit, unless it is a prorated benefit. See Appendix D. No benefits are issued to any AG eligible for an initial, prorated amount of \$1 - \$15. See Chapter 1 for proration requirements.

Although Appendix C of this Chapter (10), Basis of Issuance, provides benefit amounts based upon countable income, the Worker may determine the benefit amount by using the following method. This method is also used by RAPIDS to determine the benefit.

Computation of Benefit Amount	Example
Multiply net income by 30%.... (Round up)	$\begin{array}{r} \$ 554 \text{ Net monthly income} \\ \times .30 \\ \hline \$166.20 = \$167 \end{array}$
Subtract 30% of net income from the maximum monthly benefit for the AG size.....	$\begin{array}{r} \$668 \text{ Maximum allotment for 4} \\ - 167 \text{ 30\% of net income} \\ \hline \$501 \text{ SNAP benefit for a full month} \end{array}$

D. SPECIAL SITUATIONS

1. Categorical Eligibility

There are no special income calculations for those who are Categorically Eligible. Although there is no gross or net income test, countable SNAP income is still calculated the same way it is for all other SNAP AG's. See Chapter 1 for Categorical Eligibility information.