

# **Appendix B**

## **Income and Benefits Standards**

## CHART 1

### Maximum Food Stamp Benefit Amounts

Household Size	Maximum Benefit Amount
1	\$149
2	\$274
3	\$393
4	\$499
5	\$592
6	\$711
7	\$786
8	\$898

These are the maximum full monthly amounts for households with *no* countable income after deductions. For households with countable income, use these amounts to calculate the correct benefit. See 106 C.M.R. § 364.980.

The maximum benefit will probably increase in October 2005.

## CHART 2

### 200% Poverty - Gross Income Test for Categorically Eligible Households

Household Size	200% Poverty Level
1	\$1,152
2	\$2,082
3	\$2,612
4	\$3,142
5	\$3,672
6	\$4,202
7	\$4,732
8	\$5,262
each additional member	\$ 530

Use this chart for households with children under age 19 and other “categorically eligible” households. 106 C.M.R. § 364.976.

See **Question 49**.

The gross income level will probably go up in October 2005.

### CHART 3

**Maximum Gross Monthly Income Standards  
for Households without Dependent Children  
or Elderly/Disabled Members**

Household Size	Maximum Gross Monthly Income
1	\$1,009
2	\$1,354
3	\$1,698
4	\$2,043
5	\$2,387
6	\$2,732
7	\$3,076
8	\$3,421
each additional member	\$ 345

See 106 C.M.R. § 364.950.

Categorically eligible households do not have to meet this gross income standard.

The gross monthly income standard will probably go up in October 2005.

## CHART 4

### Maximum Allowable Monthly Net Income Standards

Household Size	Maximum Net Monthly Income
1	\$ 776
2	\$1,041
3	\$1,306
4	\$1,571
5	\$1,836
6	\$2,101
7	\$2,366
8	\$2,631
each additional member	\$ 265

See 106 C.M.R. § 364.970.

Categorically eligible households do not have to meet net income eligibility standards.

The net income eligibility standard will probably go up in October 2005.

## CHART 5

### 165% Income Standard for People Living with an Elderly and Disabled Individual

Household Size	Maximum Gross Monthly Income
1	\$1,281
2	\$1,718
3	\$2,155
4	\$2,592
5	\$3,130
6	\$3,467
7	\$3,904
8	\$4,341
each additional member	\$ 438

See 106 C.M.R. § 364.975.

If an elderly individual wants to apply as a separate food stamp household from the other people who live with and cook for her/him, the other people must have a combined gross income that does not exceed this standard. 106 C.M.R. § 361.200(B)(4). See **Questions 16, 49**.

This income standard will probably go up in October 2005.