

**EFFECTIVE**

October 1, 2015.

**Subject(s)**

Annual Federal cost-of-living changes for the Food Assistance Program (FAP).

**1.) Annual Federal  
Cost-of-Living  
Changes for FAP****FAP****RFT 250, 255, 260**

Bridges is updated to support the annual cost-of-living update for the FAP standards. The update will appear in Bridges budgets with an effective date of October 1, 2015.

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has determined that the net monthly income limits for groups size one and two have increased and the the maximum shelter deduction has increased from \$490 to \$504. Additionally, FNS has determined that the heat and utility standard used in calculating FAP benefits is decreased from \$553 to \$539, the non-heat electric standard is decreased from \$124 to \$119 and the water and/or sewer standard is increased from \$77 to \$81. Other standards have a minimal decrease.

*Reason:* Annual standards update.

**MANUAL  
MAINTENANCE  
INSTRUCTIONS**

**Changed Items ...**

[RFT 250](#)

[RFT 255](#)

[RFT 260](#)