

REASONS

Even with all allowable "deductions", the petitioner's income is well in excess of the maximums for both the fuel and food stamp programs. See W.A.M. §§ 2904.1 and 2953 and Food Stamp Manual §§ 273.9 and 273.10. The problem is that the petitioner's home equity loan does not qualify as a deduction from his income for either program. Id. Inasmuch as the Department's decisions are clearly in accord with the pertinent regulations, they must be affirmed. 3 V.S.A. § 3091(d). Fair Hearing No. 19. Food Stamp Fair Hearing Rule No. 17

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