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Department for Children and Families

BULLETIN NO.: 11-06

FROM: Pam Dalley, Interim Deputy Commissioner
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DATE: March 2, 2011

SUBJECT: 4/1/11 3SquaresVT (Food Stamps) and Medicaid Standards Updates

CHANGES ADOPTED EFFECTIVE 4/1/11

INSTRUCTIONS

- Maintain Manual - See instructions below.
 Proposed Regulation - Retain bulletin and attachments until you receive Manual Maintenance Bulletin: _____
 Information or Instructions - Retain until _____

MANUAL REFERENCE(S):

P-2420
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The following standards are updated effective April 1, 2011.

3SquaresVT/Food Stamps
Fuel and utility standard with heat

Medicaid Long Term Care
Substantial Home Equity Limit
Spousal Allocation Fuel and Utility Standard

Significant changes are indicated by vertical lines in the margin. Changes to clarify, rearrange or correct references without changing the procedure are dotted.

Manual Maintenance

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3SquaresVT/Food Stamps Procedures

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P-2420 C

P-2420 Eligibility Determination for Medicaid

- C. Resource Maximums 4230 (SSI-related)
 4370 (ANFC-related)

- 1. Household Maximums

- Group Size

1	\$2000	5	3450
2	3000	6	3600
3	3150	7	3750
4	3300	8	3900

NOTE: There is no resource test for pregnant women or children under age 18 if income is below the applicable poverty line income test. (See P-2420 A). If income is above, the resource test applies.

- 2. Home-Based Long Term Care Disregard (4249.9)

NOTE: See rule 4249.9 for criteria that must be met in order to allow the home-based LTC disregard.

Effective 10/7/05
\$5,000

- 3. Community Spouse Resource Allocation Maximum, Long-Term Care (4462.4)

Effective 1/1/09
\$109,560

- 4. Substantial Home Equity Limit, Long-Term Care (4252.6, 4241.1)

<u>1/1/11</u>	<u>2/8/06 – 12/31/10</u>
\$506,000.00	\$500,000.00

- 5. Resource Limit for Qualified Disabled Working Individual (4204.2)

Effective 7/1/90

Individual	\$4000
Couple	\$6000

- 6. Resource Limit for Working People With Disabilities (4204.2)

Effective 10/7/05

Individual	\$5000
Couple	\$6000

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D. Other Standards (Continued)

5. Employment Expense Deduction, ANFC-related Medicaid only (4382.3)

Effective 10/1/89
\$90 per earner per month

6. Pickle Deduction Percentage Chart

See procedures at P-2421 B #1b for determining entitlement to the Pickle deductions.

Effective 1/1/09 to 12/31/09

4/77-6/77	0.7331	1/85-12/85	0.5163	1/93-12/93	0.3548	1/01-12/01	0.2124
7/77-6/78	0.7174	1/86-12/86	0.5013	1/94-12/94	0.3380	1/02-12/02	0.1919
7/78-6/79	0.6990	1/87-12/87	0.4948	1/95-12/95	0.3194	1/03-12/03	0.1806
7/79-6/80	0.6692	1/88-12/88	0.4736	1/96-12/96	0.3017	1/04-12/04	0.1634
7/80-6/81	0.6219	1/89-12/89	0.4526	1/97-12/97	0.2815	1/05-12/05	0.1408
7/81-6/82	0.5796	1/90-12/90	0.4268	1/98-12/98	0.2664	1/06-12/06	0.1056
7/82-12/83	0.5485	1/91-12/91	0.3959	1/99-12/99	0.2569	1/07-12/07	0.0761
1/84-12/84	0.5327	1/92-12/92	0.3735	1/00-12/00	0.2390	1/08-12/08	0.0548

7. **Home Upkeep Deduction, Long-Term Care (4462.2 and P-2430 E)**

<u>Effective 1/1/09</u>	<u>1/1/08 – 12/31/08</u>
\$544.53	\$516.78

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P-2420 Eligibility Determination for MedicaidD. Other Standards (Continued)**8. Allocation to Community Spouse - Long-Term Care (4462.4 and P-2430 E)**

- a. Maximum income allocation. If actual verified housing costs excluding fuel and utilities are greater than the base housing cost, allow up to the maximum allocation.

Effective 1/1/09

\$2,739.00

- b. Standard income allocation. (Maintenance income standard) This is 150 percent of the current poverty level for 2 people.

Effective 1/1/11

\$1,857

Effective 1/1/09

\$1,829.00

- c. Shelter standard This is 30 percent of the maintenance income standard in paragraph b, above.

Effective 1/1/11

\$558.00

Effective 1/1/09

\$549.00

1. Fuel and utility standard. Current food stamp fuel and utility standard is on page P-2590 A1.

Effective 4/1/11

\$739.00

Effective 10/1/08 – 3/31/11

\$744.00

2. Base housing cost

Effective 1/1/06

\$ 0.00

(10/1/05 – 12/31/05)

\$ 9.00

- 9. Allocation to Each Family Member Living with a Community Spouse - Long-Term Care (4462.3)** This is the maximum allocation if family member has no income.

Effective 1/1/11

\$619.00

Effective 1/1/09

\$609.67

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P-2590 Reference MaterialsA. Calculating Net Income1. Standard Deduction (Effective 10/1/10)

The standard deduction varies by household size:

\$142 for households of 1 to 3 members

\$153 for households of 4 members

\$179 for households of 5 members

\$205 for households of 6 or more members

2. Basic Medical Liability (Effective 1/1/81)

The base amount for medical liability is \$35. Refer to section 273.9(d)(3) of the 3SquaresVT/food stamp manual.

3. Dependent Care Maximum Deduction (Effective 10/1/09)

There is no cap on the dependent care deduction for 3SquaresVT/food stamps.

4. Shelter Cost Maximum Deduction (Effective 10/1/10)

The maximum deduction for households without elderly or disabled members is \$458.

5. Fuel and Utility Standards

	<u>Effective 4/1/11</u>	<u>10/1/10 – 3/31/11</u>
With heat or cooling	\$739.00	\$744.00
Without heat	\$212.00	\$212.00
Phone only	\$ 36.00	\$ 36.00

See P-2510 E on selecting the correct standard and ACCESS manual - STAT 5.14 (UTIL Panel) and STAT 5.17 (PHON Panel) for ACCESS-related information.