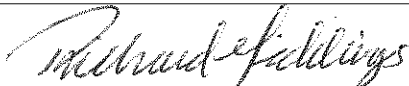


STATE OF VERMONT  
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**Department for Children and Families**



**BULLETIN NO.:** 11-34

**FROM:** Richard Giddings, Deputy Commissioner  
Economic Services Division

**DATE:** December 27, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Increased Resource Standard for 3SquaresVT Households  
with Elderly or Disabled Members

**CHANGES ADOPTED EFFECTIVE** December 27, 2011

**INSTRUCTIONS**

**MANUAL REFERENCE(S):**

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

Effective immediately, the Maximum Resource allowed for 3SquaresVT households with at least one member who has disabilities or is age 60 or older is increased from \$3,000 to **\$3,250**. This change does not affect other programs.

The Food and Nutrition Service recently notified states that the asset limit for SNAP (3SquaresVT) households containing members who have disabilities or are aged 60 or older was increased for federal fiscal year 2012. The increase is based on Section 5(g) of the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 (FECA), which provides that annual adjustments to the SNAP (3SquaresVT) asset limit will be indexed to inflation and rounded down to the nearest \$250 increment.

Vertical lines in the left margin indicate significant changes.

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**3SquaresVT / Food Stamps Procedures**

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B. Maximum Resources Allowed

\$3,250 for households if at least one member has disabilities or is age 60 or older; and \$2,000 for all other households.

Certain households are categorically eligible and do not have to meet the resource limits above, nor the gross income, or net income tests. These include:

- households in which all members are eligible for Reach Up, SSI/AABD, or the Postsecondary Education Program (PSE), or
- households with children who received a Vermont Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) in the past 12 months.

In addition, non-public assistance households with gross incomes below 185% FPL who have received the AHS Screen Door informational bookmark or otherwise been referred to the *AHS Screen Door* or *vermont211* website for other AHS and community services are also categorically eligible and do not have to pass the resource test above or a net income test.

All other nonfinancial eligibility criteria, such as residency, apply.

Refer to sections 273.8b and 273.2(j) (2) of the 3SquaresVT rules manual.

C. Maximum Gross and Net Income, Expanded Gross Income, and Maximum Allotments (Thrifty Food Plan) (10/01/11)

Household Size	Expanded gross monthly income	Maximum gross monthly income	Maximum gross monthly income to enable elderly or disabled member to be a separate household	Maximum net monthly income	Maximum allotment levels
	185% of the poverty level	130% of the poverty level	165% of the poverty level	100% of the poverty level	Thrifty Food Plan
1	1,679	\$1,180	\$1,498	\$908	\$200
2	2,268	1,594	2,023	1,226	367
3	2,858	2,008	2,548	1,545	526
4	3,446	2,422	3,074	1,863	668
5	4,034	2,836	3,599	2,181	793
6	4,625	3,249	4,124	2,500	952
7	5,213	3,663	4,649	2,818	1,052
8	5,801	4,077	5,175	3,136	1,202
9	6,391	4,491	5,701	3,455	1,352
10	6,981	4,906	6,227	3,774	1,502
Each Additional Member	+590	+ \$414	+ \$526	+ \$319	+ \$150