

Bulletin Coversheet

Bulletin Number: 26-10

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Date: 9/30/2026

Subject: Reach Up

Changes adopted effective date: 10/1/26

Procedure reference(s):

P2200

Brief description of changes:

Procedures 2213D and 2213F have been updated with FFY27 deduction rates for DCIN and RBIN.

Manual maintenance:

Significant changes are indicated by highlighting text in gray.

Remove and Insert Section:

Procedure Name: 2200 Reach Up

Remove P2213D (25-20), Insert P2213D (26-10)

Remove P2213F (25-20), Insert P2213F (26-10)

Procedure Section: P2213 Income

Subsection: P2213D Income from Providing Child Care (Reach Up rule 2251.3)

Procedure: P2213D

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Supersedes: 25-20, 10/1/25

Included Programs

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If payment received is:

Weekly: multiply by 4.3.

Bi-monthly: multiply by 2.15.

Monthly: use monthly figure.

Meal Deductions:

A participant who is providing child care for other children in their own home can deduct the cost of meals and snacks for the children from earned income as a business expense. To receive this deduction the household must report the number of children receiving meals; the number of days on which meals were provided; and the type of meals provided. Use the following standard deductions or actual documented expenses, if higher.

Meal	FFY 26	FFY 27
Breakfast	\$1.70 per day	\$1.74 per day
Lunch only	\$3.22 per day	\$3.31 per day
Dinner only	\$3.22 per day	\$3.31 per day

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Meal	FFY 26	FFY 27
Snack	\$0.96 per day	\$0.98 per day

Need to know if the childcare provider is receiving a state reimbursement for food. If so, deduct the reimbursement from the expenses.

Other Business Expenses:

Can be counted if documented, such as a portion of the rent, toys, non-meal related supplies.

In cases that have documented non-meal related expenses, complete the following:

1. Manually calculate the total monthly meal expense using either the standard deduction table or the actual verified expenses (whichever is higher).
2. Calculate the monthly total for non-meal related expenses.
3. Add the two expenses together (meal and non-meal) and enter the total in the ACTUALS field on the DCIN panel. For these cases the entries in the meals fields will be disregarded and the amount in the ACTUALS field used.

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12/21/15 13:15 DEPENDENT CARE INCOME QUESTION 24 ( DCIN . 01 )
                        (LAST UPDATED: 12/21/15 13:15 ; ASPAFC )

PERSON WITH INCOME      INCOME  AMOUNT      NUMBER OF MEALS PROVIDED:
FROM BABYSITTING        FREQ   $$$$$$ ¢¢  BREAKFAST LUNCH DINNER SNACKS
DIANNA M GARNER         M      1450 00      200      200      240      240

                        MONTHLY AMOUNT      MONTHLY NUMBER OF MEALS:
                        $$$$$$ $$          BREAKFAST LUNCH DINNER SNACKS
                        1450 00          200      200      240      240

COUNT RECUR           EXPENSE      ACTUAL      ***** WARNING! *****
CODE  (Y-N)      EXPENSE  AMOUNT      EXPENSES  (RUFA, MED, TCC WILL USE THE
-      Y          FREQ   $$$$$$ $$      $$$$$$ $$ 'TABLE' OR 'ACTUAL', WHICH-
                                     EVER IS HIGHER. FS & SF WILL
COUNTABLE CODES:                                     USE 'TABLE' IF 'ACTUAL' IS
BLANK - ALL PROGRAMS                                     BLANK OR ZEROES. IF 'ACTUAL'
A - RUFA, RUFA-ME, TCC                                     FIELD IS COMPLETED, FS & SF
F - FS                                                         WILL USE 'ACTUAL').
M - SSI-ME
S - SF

USER: 084 FNX: STAT MODE: C RPTGRP: 666 39 8792 PERIOD: 12 15 COMMAND:
DO: B IMS: SB2 REPORTING ADULT: DIANNA M GARNER
  
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BPS Support

Watch the ACCESS Eligibility Training Video [\(DCIN\) Entering Day Care Income](#) (internal ESD staff site).

Revision History for P2213D

10/01/26

Updated deduction amounts for FFY 27

Procedure Section: P2213 INCOME

Subsection: P2213F Room and Board Income (Reach Up rule 2251.2)

Procedure: P2213F

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Included Programs

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Income from Room and Board means that the participant is renting out a room and providing meals for one cost. The income for this type of business is entered on the RBIN panel in ACCESS.

During the interview, clarify if meals are really included. Sometime the term “room and board” is used even when just housing is involved.

Business expenses for the cost of Room and Board are either Standard Deduction or the Actual Documented Expenses, whichever is the higher amount.

Standard Deduction FFY2027

Access Code	Type	Group Size 1	Group size 2	Group size 3	Group Size 4	Group Size 5	Group Size 6
1	Room Only	268	492	708	896	1066	1281
2	2/3 Board	204	375	539	682	811	975
3	Board Only	306	562	808	1023	1217	1463
4	Room and 2/3 Board	472	867	1247	1578	1877	2256
5	Room and Board	574	1054	1516	1919	2283	2744

Revision History for P2213F

10/01/2026

Updated RBIN deduction amounts.