

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 1111

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to poor persons; directing the Department of Human Services to develop and implement requirements for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits for certain individuals; providing what the simplified requirements must allow; providing for an increase in certain deduction when determining eligibility; providing that deduction shall only apply to certain households; providing deduction amounts; defining term; providing restriction; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 241.5 of Title 56, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Department of Human Services shall develop and implement simplified certification and recertification requirements for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits for an individual who:

1 1. Is 60 years of age or older or is a person with a
2 disability, as determined by Department rule;

3 2. Has no earned income; and

4 3. Resides in a household in which every individual residing in
5 the household is 60 years of age or older or is a person with a
6 disability, as determined by Department rule.

7 B. The simplified requirements must:

8 1. Allow an individual described by this section to waive
9 recertification requirements;

10 2. Simplify and reduce the number of verification requirements
11 for certifying and recertifying the eligibility to receive benefits,
12 which must include the use of a shortened application form; and

13 3. Allow the individual to remain eligible for benefits for
14 thirty-six (36) months after recertification and after each
15 recertification.

16 C. An individual described by this section is required to:

17 1. Submit to the Department a change reporting form every
18 twelve (12) months during the eligibility period of thirty-six (36)
19 months; and

20 2. Report to the Department, in accordance with federal law,
21 when the individual receives an increase in income.

22 D. The Department shall, in manner that complies with federal
23 law, use data matching to inform eligible individuals.
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SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified

in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 241.6 of Title 56, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

For purposes of determining eligibility and benefit amounts under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), an increase in the standard medical deduction is established for households with elderly or disabled individuals as follows:

A. 1. The increased medical deduction applies to households with elderly individuals, who are sixty (60) years of age or older, or disabled individuals who are applicants for or recipients of SNAP benefits.

2. The deduction is available to households that incur medical expenses during the taxable year for the elderly or disabled individuals of the household.

B. 1. For the purposes of this section, an eligible household may deduct up to One Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$175.00) in qualifying medical expenses incurred by the elderly or disabled individuals of the household.

2. In cases where the household has more than one (1) eligible elderly or disabled member, the total allowable deduction shall not exceed Three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$350.00) per household.

C. For purposes of this section, "qualified medical expenses" shall include, but not be limited to, expenses for prescription medications, doctor's visits, medical supplies, and other costs that

1 meet the definition of medical expenses under federal or state law
2 as applicable to public assistance programs.

3 D. 1. The deduction under this section shall not exceed the
4 amounts specified in subsection B of this section.

5 2. Any portion of the medical deduction not used in the current
6 fiscal year shall not be carried over to the next year.

7 E. The provisions of this section shall apply to all
8 applications and recertifications for SNAP benefits filed on or
9 after November 1, 2025, and shall be implemented in accordance with
10 the regulations set forth by the Department of Human Services.

11 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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