



Food and Nutrition Service

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SUBJECT: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) – Quality Control (QC) Tolerance Threshold for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 – QC Policy Memo 21-01 (Corrected)

TO: All SNAP State Agencies
All Regional SNAP Directors

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Summary:	Annual update to the QC tolerance threshold for excluding small errors from the SNAP payment error rate. By law, the threshold is adjusted based on changes to the thrifty food plan. The tolerance threshold will increase from \$39 in FY 21 to \$48 in FY 22. This memo corrects the previous version that incorrectly stated the FY21 threshold as \$37. There are no other changes.

The Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended, requires the SNAP QC system use a tolerance level to set the monetary threshold for determining which errors are included in the national payment error rate calculation. This threshold is adjusted annually to correspond to changes in the Thrifty Food Plan (TFP). Based on changes in the TFP, the tolerance threshold will increase from \$39 in FY 21 to \$48 for FY 22. For FY 22, all State agencies shall use \$48 as the QC tolerance level. Errors under the FY 22 threshold must be excluded in the national payment error rate calculation. All errors, regardless of dollar amount, shall continue to be reported to the Food and Nutrition Service and reported to the State’s eligibility unit in accordance with existing policy.

State agencies with questions regarding these adjustments should contact their respective Regional Office representatives.

Sincerely,

Signed

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