

# STANDARD MEDICAL EXPENSE DEDUCTION (SMED) DESK AID

SNAP households that contain an ***elderly*** or ***disabled*** member may receive a deduction for medical expenses over \$35



## Option 1:

### SMED: Standard Medical Expense Deduction

Verification of any allowable expenses over \$35\* up to \$200 will calculate the SMED = **\$165 Deduction**

## Option 2:

### Actual Medical Expenses

Verification of allowable expenses over \$200 will calculate a deduction of the **actual expenses minus \$35\***

*\*The first \$35 of expenses is not countable for either deduction\**

## ALLOWABLE MEDICAL EXPENSES (INCLUDES BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO)

- Doctor Visits
- Hospital/Outpatient/Nursing Charges
- Prescriptions
- Over the Counter items prescribed by a physician
- Dental Care
- Health Insurance Premiums and Cost Sharing
- Medicare Premiums
- Medical Equipment/Supplies
- Dentures, Hearing Aids, Prosthetics, Eyeglasses
- Service Animal Costs (Food/Vet/Training, etc.)
- Wages to an attendant/care provider
- Transportation/Lodging to obtain medical care

## EXEMPT: NON-ALLOWABLE MEDICAL EXPENSES

- Special Diet Expenses
- Premiums for Health and Accident Policies(AFLAC, Catastrophic)
- Reimbursable Medical Costs
- Medical Marijuana
- Unprescribed Vitamins and Supplements
- Medical expenses in collections



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## VERIFYING MEDICAL EXPENSES

**Legend**  
 > is Greater Than  
 < is Less Than

	ALLOW	VERIFY
At Intake, Med expenses > \$35 < \$200	SMED (\$165)	First \$35.01
At Intake, Med expenses > \$200	Actuals minus \$35	All actual monthly medical expenses over \$35
At RRR, was receiving SMED, and NO Changes	SMED (\$165)	No Verification is required unless questionable
At RRR was NOT receiving SMED and now has Med expenses > \$35 < \$200	SMED (\$165)	First \$35.01
At RRR was NOT receiving Actuals and now has Med expenses > \$200	Actuals minus \$35	All actual monthly medical expenses over \$35
At RRR was receiving SMED and declares changes in Med expenses > \$25	SMED if change is > \$35 < \$200 or Actuals if new expenses > \$200	Verify the change in Medical expenses

## MEDICAL EXPENSE FREQUENCY

IF THE EXPENSE...	...THEN ALLOW
Recur less than monthly and averaged amount is < \$35/mo	Actual in the month billed, or SMED in the month billed if amount > \$35 < \$200
Recur less than monthly and averaged amount is > \$35 < \$200	SMED for each month of the certification period
Recur less than monthly and averaged amount is > \$200	Averaged of actuals for each month, if verified
Occurs one time and averaged amount < \$35/mo	Actual in the month billed, or SMED in the month received if billed amount > \$35 < \$200
Occurs one time and averaged amount > \$35 < \$200	SMED for each month of the certification period
Occurs one time and averaged amount > \$200	Averaged of actuals for each month, if verified

