

Memo

To: Board of Selectmen
From: Nikki Pratt, General Assistance Administrator
CC: Bradley A. Plante, Town Manager
Date: 9/16/2016
Re: General Assistance Appendix Adoption

Following this memo is the information for the public hearing regarding the General Assistance Appendix Adoption. I have highlighted below how the changes specifically affect GA here in Poland.

Appendix A - Increases the overall maximum based on the number of persons in the household.

1 Person - \$549 will increase to \$575
2 Person - \$650 will increase to \$678
3 Person - \$849 will increase to \$855
4 Person - \$1,070 will increase to \$1,086
5 Person - \$1,136 will increase to \$1,241
For each Additional +\$75 which is the same as the current.

This means that those who didn't qualify before for GA because they were over income may now qualify due to the slight increases that were made.

Appendix C – Increases the amount allowed for housing.

0 Bedrooms – Increased from \$382 per month to \$411 and \$486 per month to \$512
1 Bedroom – Increased from \$451 per month to \$484 and \$580 per month to \$608
2 Bedroom – Increased from \$607 per month to \$618 and \$767 per month to \$772
3 Bedroom – Increased from \$779 per month to \$803 and \$975 per month to \$991

This means that a GA client is allotted and increase expense for their housing expenses.

GA Overall Maximums

Metropolitan Areas

COUNTY	Persons in Household				
	1	2	3	4	5*
Bangor HMFA: Bangor, Brewer, Eddington, Glenburn, Hampden, Hermon, Holden, Kenduskeag, Milford, Old Town, Orono, Orrington, Penobscot Indian Island Reservation, Veazie	703	777	981	1,227	1,437
Penobscot County HMFA: Alton, Argyle UT, Bradford, Bradley, Burlington, Carmel, Carroll plantation, Charleston, Chester, Clifton, Corinna, Corinth, Dexter, Dixmont, Drew plantation, East Central Penobscot UT, East Millinocket, Edinburg, Enfield, Etna, Exeter, Garland, Greenbush, Howland, Hudson, Kingman UT, Lagrange, Lakeville, Lee, Levant, Lincoln, Lowell town, Mattawamkeag, Maxfield, Medway, Millinocket, Mount Chase, Newburgh Newport, North Penobscot UT, Passadumkeag, Patten, Plymouth, Prentiss UT, Seboeis plantation, Springfield, Stacyville, Stetson, Twombly UT, Webster plantation, Whitney UT, Winn, Woodville	596	673	836	1,082	1,254
Lewiston/Auburn MSA: Auburn, Durham, Greene, Leeds, Lewiston, Lisbon, Livermore, Livermore Falls, Mechanic Falls, Minot, Poland, Sabattus, Turner, Wales	575	678	855	1,086	1,241
Portland HMFA: Cape Elizabeth, Casco, Chebeague Island, Cumberland, Falmouth, Freeport, Frye Island, Gorham, Gray, Long Island, North Yarmouth, Portland, Raymond, Scarborough, South Portland, Standish, Westbrook, Windham, Yarmouth; Buxton, Hollis, Limington, Old Orchard Beach	838	975	1,220	1,638	1,717
York/Kittery/S.Berwick HMFA: Berwick, Eliot, Kittery, South Berwick, York	967	1,011	1,316	1,693	2,070
Cumberland County HMFA: Baldwin, Bridgton, Brunswick, Harpswell, Harrison, Naples, New Gloucester, Pownal, Sebago	750	796	1,058	1,542	1,759

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COUNTY	1	2	3	4	5*
Sagadahoc HMFA: Arrowsic, Bath, Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, Georgetown, Perkins UT, Phippsburg, Richmond, Topsham, West Bath, Woolwich	769	851	986	1,302	1,581
York County HMFA: Acton, Alfred, Arundel, Biddeford, Cornish, Dayton, Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, Lebanon, Limerick, Lyman, Newfield, North Berwick, Ogunquit, Parsonsfield, Saco, Sanford, Shapleigh, Waterboro, Wells	734	860	1,065	1,439	1,460

*Note: Add \$75 for each additional person.

Non-Metropolitan Areas

Persons in Household

COUNTY	1	2	3	4	5*
Aroostook County	609	624	750	948	1,037
Franklin County	636	662	783	973	1,383
Hancock County	653	737	936	1,231	1,277
Kennebec County	612	663	846	1,075	1,141
Knox County	743	745	916	1,172	1,299
Lincoln County	672	743	935	1,163	1,379
Oxford County	572	621	761	1,040	1,325
Piscataquis County	583	663	817	1,035	1,106
Somerset County	665	694	824	1,119	1,122
Waldo County	655	741	876	1,191	1,266
Washington County	584	633	752	957	1,159

* Please Note: Add \$75 for each additional person.

Food Maximums

Please Note: The maximum amounts allowed for food are established in accordance with the U.S.D.A. Thrifty Food Plan. As of October 1, 2015, those amounts are:

Number in Household	Weekly Maximum	Monthly Maximum
1	45.12	194
2	83.02	357
3	118.84	511
4	150.93	649
5	179.30	771
6	215.12	925
7	237.67	1,022
8	271.86	1,169

Note: For each additional person add \$146 per month.

GA Housing Maximums (Heated & Unheated Rents)

NOTE: NOT ALL MUNICIPALITIES SHOULD ADOPT THESE SUGGESTED HOUSING MAXIMUMS! Municipalities should ONLY **consider** adopting the following numbers, if these figures are consistent with local rent values. If not, a market survey should be conducted and the figures should be altered accordingly. The results of any such survey must be presented to DHHS prior to adoption. **Or, no housing maximums should be adopted and eligibility should be analyzed in terms of the Overall Maximum—Appendix A. (See Instruction Memo for further guidance.)**

Non-Metropolitan FMR Areas

<u>Aroostook County</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	111	476	129	556
1	111	476	131	565
2	130	558	159	682
3	167	718	202	870
4	177	762	220	947
<u>Franklin County</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	117	503	136	583
1	117	503	140	603
2	137	591	166	715
3	173	743	208	895
4	258	1,108	301	1,293
<u>Hancock County</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	114	489	137	590
1	126	543	155	667
2	163	699	198	853
3	220	948	264	1,136
4	220	948	271	1,166
<u>Kennebec County</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	104	448	128	549
1	109	469	138	593
2	142	609	177	763
3	184	792	228	980
4	186	801	240	1,030

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Non-Metropolitan FMR Areas

<u>Knox County</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	135	579	158	680
1	135	579	158	680
2	158	679	194	833
3	207	889	250	1,077
4	223	959	276	1,188
Lincoln County				
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	119	513	142	609
1	128	549	157	673
2	162	698	198	852
3	205	880	248	1,068
4	242	1,039	295	1,268
Oxford County				
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	95	408	118	509
1	101	427	128	551
2	122	524	158	678
3	176	757	220	945
4	229	985	282	1,214
Piscataquis County				
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	104	447	123	530
1	116	500	140	604
2	144	621	174	749
3	186	798	222	956
4	192	824	236	1,016
Somerset County				
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	120	517	141	606
1	121	519	147	631
2	143	615	175	753
3	202	869	241	1,038
4	202	869	241	1,038

Non-Metropolitan FMR Areas

<u>Waldo County</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	116	497	138	592
1	127	547	156	671
2	149	639	184	793
3	211	908	255	1,096
4	215	926	269	1,155

<u>Washington County</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	98	420	121	521
1	102	439	131	563
2	120	515	156	669
3	157	674	200	862
4	191	819	244	1,048

Metropolitan FMR Areas

<u>Bangor HMFA</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	125	539	149	640
1	135	583	164	707
2	173	744	209	898
3	219	944	263	1,132
4	255	1,097	308	1,326

<u>Penobscot Cty. HMFA</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	101	432	124	533
1	111	479	140	603
2	139	599	175	753
3	186	799	230	987
4	213	914	266	1,143

<u>Lewiston/Auburn MSA</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	96	411	119	512
1	112	484	141	608
2	144	618	180	772
3	187	803	230	991
4	210	901	263	1,130

Metropolitan FMR Areas

<u>Portland HMFA</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	157	674	180	775
1	182	781	210	905
2	229	983	264	1,137
3	315	1,355	359	1,543
4	320	1,377	373	1,606
<u>York/Kittery/S. Berwick HMFA</u>				
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	187	803	210	904
1	190	817	219	941
2	251	1,079	287	1,233
3	328	1,410	372	1,598
4	402	1,730	456	1,959
<u>Cumberland Cty. HMFA</u>				
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	136	586	160	687
1	140	602	169	726
2	191	821	227	975
3	293	1,259	337	1,447
4	330	1,419	383	1,648
<u>Sagadahoc Cty. HMFA</u>				
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	141	605	164	706
1	153	657	182	781
2	174	749	210	903
3	237	1,019	281	1,207
4	289	1,241	342	1,470
<u>York Cty. HMFA</u>				
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	133	570	156	671
1	155	666	184	790
2	193	828	228	982
3	269	1,156	313	1,344
4	269	1,156	314	1,349

APPENDIX D - UTILITIES

ELECTRIC

NOTE: For an electrically heated dwelling also see “Heating Fuel” maximums below. But remember, an applicant is *not automatically* entitled to the “maximums” established—applicants must demonstrate need.

1) **Electricity Maximums for Households *Without Electric Hot Water:*** The maximum amounts allowed for utilities, for lights, cooking and other electric uses *excluding* electric hot water and heat:

<u>Number in Household</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
1	\$14.00	\$60.00
2	\$15.70	\$67.50
3	\$17.45	\$75.00
4	\$19.70	\$86.00
5	\$23.10	\$99.00
6	\$25.00	\$107.00

NOTE: For each additional person add \$7.50 per month.

2) **Electricity Maximums for Households *With Electrically Heated Hot Water:*** The maximum amounts allowed for utilities, hot water, for lights, cooking and other electric uses *excluding* heat:

<u>Number in Household</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
1	\$20.08	\$86.00
2	\$23.75	\$102.00
3	\$27.70	\$119.00
4	\$32.25	\$139.00
5	\$37.30	\$160.00
6	\$41.00	\$176.00

NOTE: For each additional person add \$10.00 per month.

NOTE: For electrically heated households, the maximum amount allowed for electrical utilities per month shall be the sum of the appropriate maximum amount under this subsection and the appropriate maximum for heating fuel as provided below.

APPENDIX E - HEATING FUEL

<u>Month</u>	<u>Gallons</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Gallons</u>
September	50	January	225
October	100	February	225
November	200	March	125
December	200	April	125
		May	50

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NOTE: When the dwelling unit is heated electrically, the maximum amount allowed for heating purposes will be calculated by multiplying the number of gallons of fuel allowed for that month by the current price per gallon. When fuels such as wood, coal and/or natural gas are used for heating purposes, they will be budgeted at actual rates, if they are reasonable. No eligible applicant shall be considered to need more than 7 tons of coal per year, 8 cords of wood per year, 126,000 cubic feet of natural gas per year, or 1000 gallons of propane.

APPENDIX F - PERSONAL CARE & HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES

<u>Number in Household</u>	<u>Weekly Amount</u>	<u>Monthly Amount</u>
1-2	\$10.50	\$45.00
3-4	\$11.60	\$50.00
5-6	\$12.80	\$55.00
7-8	\$14.00	\$60.00

NOTE: For each additional person add \$1.25 per week or \$5.00 per month.

SUPPLEMENT FOR HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN UNDER 5

When an applicant can verify expenditures for the following items, a special supplement will be budgeted as necessary for households with children under 5 years of age for items such as cloth or disposable diapers, laundry powder, oil, shampoo, and ointment up to the following amounts:

<u>Number of Children</u>	<u>Weekly Amount</u>	<u>Monthly Amount</u>
1	\$12.80	\$55.00
2	\$17.40	\$75.00
3	\$23.30	\$100.00
4	\$27.90	\$120.00

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