

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 1111

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8 [ poor persons - Department of Human Services -  
9 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program -  
10 individual requirements - eligibility - standards -  
11 deductions - request - households - amounts - term  
12 - restriction - codification - effective date ]

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

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

20 A. The Department of Human Services shall develop and implement  
21 simplified certification and recertification requirements for  
22 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits for an  
23 individual who:  
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1 1. Is sixty (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 sixty (60) years of age or older or is a person  
6 with a 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 report to the Department, in accordance with federal law, when the  
18 individual receives an increase in income.

19 D. The Department shall, in manner that complies with federal  
20 law, use data matching to inform eligible individuals.

21 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
22 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 241.6 of Title 56, unless there  
23 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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

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

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

12 B. 1. The Department of Human Services shall establish a  
13 standard medical expense deduction for households with verified out-  
14 of-pocket medical expenses that meet eligibility criteria under  
15 SNAP.

16 2. The standard medical expense deduction shall be set at a  
17 value determined by the Department in accordance with federal  
18 guidelines and requirements for cost neutrality to the Food and  
19 Nutrition Services of the United States Department of Agriculture.  
20 The established standard medical expense deduction shall be no less  
21 than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) to ensure meaningful benefit to  
22 eligible households while maintaining compliance with waiver  
23 approval criteria.

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1           3. The Department shall submit a request to the Food and  
2 Nutrition Services of the United States Department of Agriculture  
3 for a waiver to implement the standard medical expense deduction by  
4 January 1, 2026.

5           C. For purposes of this section, "qualified medical expenses"  
6 shall include, but not be limited to, expenses for prescription  
7 medications, doctor's visits, medical supplies, and other costs that  
8 meet the definition of medical expenses under federal or state law  
9 as applicable to public assistance programs.

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

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

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

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

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