

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 1111

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7 SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

8 An Act relating to poor persons; directing the
9 Department of Human Services to develop and implement
10 requirements for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
11 Program benefits for certain individuals; providing
12 what the simplified requirements must allow;
13 providing for an increase in certain deduction when
14 determining eligibility; directing the Department to
15 establish a standard medical expense deduction;
16 providing requirements related to deduction;
17 directing the Department to submit a request;
18 providing that deduction shall only apply to certain
19 households; providing deduction amounts; defining
20 term; providing restriction; providing for
21 codification; and providing an effective date.

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

23 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
24 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

1 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits for an
2 individual who:

3 1. Is sixty (60) years of age or older or is a person with a
4 disability, as determined by Department rule;

5 2. Has no earned income; and

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

9 B. The simplified requirements must:

10 1. Allow an individual described by this section to waive
11 recertification requirements;

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

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

18 C. An individual described by this section is required to
19 report to the Department, in accordance with federal law, when the
20 individual receives an increase in income.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 eligible households while maintaining compliance with waiver
2 approval criteria.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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