

If you have high medical expenses, you could get more help from SNAP.

SNAP's Medical Deductions can help increase your benefit!

Am I eligible for SNAP's medical deduction?

If you are a senior (60+) or an individual with a disability and your medical expenses average more than \$35 per month, your household is eligible for SNAP's medical deduction.

If you are eligible, your SNAP caseworker can deduct the amount over \$35 that you pay for many types of medical costs from the income reported on your SNAP application. This may raise your benefit amount.

What medical costs count for SNAP's medical deduction?

The cost of the following expenses count for SNAP's medical deduction:

- Medical care, including psychotherapy and rehabilitation
 - Dental care
 - Hospitalization and outpatient treatment
 - Prescription drugs and medical supplies
 - Over the counter medications (approved by a medical professional)
 - Medicare payments, health insurance payments, and Medicare premiums
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- Medicaid cost-sharing or spenddown expenses
 - Dentures, hearing aids (including batteries), and prosthetics
 - Costs for a service animal, including food and veterinary care
 - Prescription eyeglasses and contact lenses
 - Costs of verified transportation and lodging to receive medical care
 - Costs for an attendant, home health aide, childcare provider, or housekeeper necessary for the care of an elderly or disabled household member
 - Equipment added to a vehicle or home to accommodate the needs of an elderly or disabled household member



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**How do I make sure I get the
medical deduction, if I'm eligible?**

If you are applying for SNAP, submit proof of your medical costs with your application. If you have questions about whether a medical cost counts for a deduction, ask your caseworker during your application interview.

If you already receive SNAP and have medical costs that you think may not have been included in your application, submit proof of your costs to DCFS. They may be able to adjust your benefit amount.

