INCREASING YOUR SNAP BENEFITS: MEDICAL EXPENSE DEDUCTIONS

Is anyone in your household age 60 or older, or does someone have a disability? You may be able to count medical expenses as a deduction.

What is a Medical Expense Deduction?
If anyone in your house is age 60 or older or has a disability, you can count that person’s medical expenses as a deduction on your SNAP application. If the medical expenses are over $35, they will count as a deduction. This may help your household get a higher SNAP benefit amount.

Who Qualifies for Medical Expense Deductions?
- Anyone who is age 60 or older
- Anyone who has a disability
- You do not need to receive SSI benefits to qualify as disabled. Some people who receive Medical Assistance because of their disability, or disability-related benefits, can qualify.

What kind of medical expenses qualify for the medical deduction?
- Health insurance premium payments
- Co-payments for doctors or prescriptions
- Dentures, hearing aids, and prostheses
- Health care supplies and equipment
- Home health aides
- Eyeglasses, contacts
- Any paid or outstanding medical bills
- The cost of public or private transportation to health care appointments and pharmacies
- And more

How can I claim medical expenses?
You will need to provide proof of all your medical expenses to your County Assistance Office (CAO). Call the Customer Service Center at 215-560-7226 (Philadelphia only) or 1-877-395-8930 (statewide) or the Coalition Against Hunger SNAP Hotline if you need help finding your local CAO.

What documents do I need to show as proof?
- A print-out or receipt from a doctor showing co-pays and dates
- Pharmacy print-outs of prescription drug costs and dates
- Transportation receipts (Uber or Lyft receipts, SEPTA fares, Cab fares etc.)
- Receipts for over-the-counter medications or health supplies
- Bills or statements showing private insurance premiums and deductibles