



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