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Summary

The USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) recently provided clarification about excess medical expenses in the Basic Food (SNAP) budget as they relate to medical marijuana. CSD Food Policy added this clarification and a Note in Clarifying Information #16, under WAC 388-450-0200.

Please see text below for summary of changes in red:

16. Expenses from medical marijuana:

The costs of medical marijuana and transportation expenses as described in # 10 above to and from the medical marijuana dispensary are not allowable as a medical expense income deduction for Basic Food.

NOTE: There is no need to ask applicants or recipients why the individual went to see a doctor or other medical practitioner to find out if the doctor prescribed marijuana. Allow reasonable transportation costs for visits to licensed medical practitioners without regard to the reason for the visit.