

TOWN OF DEXTER PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Dexter Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on THURSDAY, October 8, 2026, at 6:30PM in the Town Council Chambers to consider the following:

1. Ordinance C2026-05 General Assistance Guidelines

Full text available at the Town Office.

All persons may appear to comment on the above matters dated at Dexter, Maine this 29th day of September 2026.

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To: Welfare Officials and Contracted Agents
From: Sara Denson, Program Manager, General Assistance
Date: September 3, 2026
Subject: New GA Maximums for October 1, 2026

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General Assistance and may provide protections or address requirements that could otherwise be overlooked. The MMA Model Ordinance is intended to incorporate these changes and provide municipalities with a current framework for administering the program.

You can find information about the MMA Model Ordinance on the Maine Welfare Director's Association (MWDA) website at www.maine-welfare-directors.org.

Filing of GA Ordinance and/or Appendices

If your municipality is making changes to the GA Ordinance or Appendices, General Assistance law requires the municipality to submit a red-lined copy to the Department for review and approval.

If your municipality is not making changes to the GA Ordinance or Appendices, the Department will accept a signed and dated "adoption sheet" (enclosed) as proof that your Municipal Officers have conducted a public hearing and adopted the current MMA Model GA maximums and/or ordinance.

Please note: If you are not making changes to your adopted ordinance, you are only required to submit verification that the new Appendices have been adopted. A municipality which does not submit verification of its Appendices adoption may be found out of compliance with the General Assistance program.

If you have questions about the adoption process, please contact the GA Hotline at 1-800-442-6003.

2026-2027 GA Overall Maximums

Metropolitan Areas

COUNTY	Persons in Household				
	1	2	3	4	5*
Bangor HMFA: Bangor, Brewer, Eddington, Glenburn, Hampden, Hermon, Holden, Kenduskeag, Milford, Old Town, Orono, Orrington, Penobscot Indian Island Reservation, Veazie	1,368	1,444	1,825	2,346	2,467
Cumberland County HMFA: Baldwin, Bridgton, Brunswick, Harpswell, Harrison, Naples, New Gloucester, Pownal, Sebago	1,390	1,537	2,016	2,618	3,342
Lewiston/Auburn MSA: Auburn, Durham, Greene, Leeds, Lewiston, Lisbon, Livermore, Livermore Falls, Mechanic Falls, Minot, Poland, Sabattus, Turner, Wales	1,254	1,340	1,745	2,255	2,536
Penobscot County HMFA: Alton, Argyle UT, Bradford, Bradley, Burlington, Carmel, Carroll plantation, Charleston, Chester, Clifton, Corinna, Corinth, Dexter, Dixmont, Drew plantation, East Central Penobscot UT, East Millinocket, Edinburg, Enfield, Etna, Exeter, Garland, Greenbush, Howland, Hudson, Kingman UT, Lagrange, Lakeville, Lee, Levant, Lincoln, Lowell town, Mattawamkeag, Maxfield, Medway, Millinocket, Mount Chase, Newburgh Newport, North Penobscot UT, Passadumkeag, Patten, Plymouth, Prentiss UT, Seboeis plantation, Springfield, Stacyville, Stetson, Twombly UT, Webster plantation, Whitney UT, Winn, Woodville	1,080	1,167	1,531	1,979	2,211
Portland HMFA: Cape Elizabeth, Casco, Chebeague Island, Cumberland, Falmouth, Freeport, Frye Island, Gorham, Gray, Long Island, North Yarmouth, Portland, Raymond, Scarborough, South Portland, Standish, Westbrook, Windham, Yarmouth; Buxton, Hollis, Limington, Old Orchard Beach	1,616	1,824	2,343	2,872	3,523
Sagadahoc HMFA: Arrowsic, Bath, Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, Georgetown, Perkins UT, Phippsburg, Richmond, Topsham, West Bath, Woolwich	1,216	1,390	1,735	2,412	2,910

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COUNTY	1	2	3	4	5*
York County HMFA: Acton, Alfred, Arundel, Biddeford, Comish, Dayton, Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, Lebanon, Limerick, Lyman, Newfield, North Berwick, Ogunquit, Parsonsfield, Saco, Sanford, Shapleigh, Waterboro, Wells	1,409	1,553	1,888	2,528	2,817
York/Kittery/S.Berwick HMFA: Berwick, Eliot, Kittery, South Berwick, York	1,670	1,846	2,422	2,904	4,063

*Add \$75 for each additional person.

Non-Metropolitan Areas

Persons in Household

COUNTY	1	2	3	4	5*
Aroostook County	1,036	1,044	1,346	1,839	1,913
Franklin County	1,002	1,109	1,454	1,925	1,933
Hancock County	1,350	1,357	1,651	2,252	2,261
Kennebec County	1,190	1,199	1,558	2,001	2,374
Knox County	1,211	1,257	1,511	1,909	2,064
Lincoln County	1,344	1,408	1,543	2,130	2,278
Oxford County	982	1,088	1,425	1,981	2,389
Piscataquis County	1,076	1,189	1,561	1,871	2,067
Somerset County	1,117	1,191	1,393	1,858	1,993
Waldo County	1,272	1,279	1,582	2,052	2,346
Washington County	949	1,049	1,377	1,913	2,137

*Add \$75 for each additional person.

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2026-2027 Food Maximums

Please Note: The maximum amounts allowed for food are established in accordance with the U.S.D.A. Thrifty Food Plan. As of October 1, 2026, those amounts are:

Number in Household	Weekly Maximum	Monthly Maximum
1	\$ 71.16	\$ 306.00
2	\$ 130.70	\$ 562.00
3	\$ 187.91	\$ 808.00
4	\$ 237.91	\$ 1,023.00
5	\$ 283.02	\$ 1,217.00
6	\$ 340.23	\$ 1,463.00
7	\$ 375.81	\$ 1,616.00
8	\$ 428.14	\$ 1,841.00

Note: For each additional person add \$225 per month.

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2026-2027 GA Housing Maximums (Heated & Unheated Rents)

NOTE: NOT ALL MUNICIPALITIES SHOULD ADOPT THESE SUGGESTED HOUSING MAXIMUMS! ONLY consider adopting the following numbers if these figures are consistent with local rent values. If not, a market survey should be conducted, and the figures altered accordingly. The results of any such survey must be presented to DHHS prior to adoption. Or, no housing maximums should be adopted and eligibility should be analyzed in terms of the Overall Maximum—Appendix A. (See Instruction Memo for further guidance.)

Non-Metropolitan FMR Areas

Aroostook County				
Bedrooms	Unheated		Heated	
	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	199	855	234	1,006
1	199	855	235	1,011
2	246	1,059	304	1,306
3	347	1,492	417	1,793
4	349	1,500	433	1,861
Franklin County				
Bedrooms	Unheated		Heated	
	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	193	828	227	976
1	208	892	251	1,079
2	274	1,177	330	1,418
3	370	1,589	438	1,884
4	370	1,589	438	1,884
Hancock County				
Bedrooms	Unheated		Heated	
	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	278	1,196	308	1,323
1	278	1,196	309	1,327
2	327	1,406	376	1,615
3	455	1,958	514	2,211
4	455	1,958	514	2,211
Kennebec County				
Bedrooms	Unheated		Heated	
	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	241	1,037	271	1,164
1	241	1,307	272	1,170
2	306	1,315	354	1,524
3	397	1,709	456	1,961
4	470	2,021	541	2,325

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Non-Metropolitan FMR Areas

Knox County				
Bedrooms	Unheated		Heated	
	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	247	1,062	277	1,189
1	248	1,067	286	1,230
2	294	1,265	343	1,474
3	376	1,615	434	1,867
4	397	1,709	468	2,013
Lincoln County				
Bedrooms	Unheated		Heated	
	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	278	1,195	307	1,322
1	283	1,218	321	1,381
2	302	1,297	350	1,506
3	427	1,836	486	2,088
4	447	1,923	518	2,227
Oxford County				
Bedrooms	Unheated		Heated	
	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	193	829	222	956
1	208	896	246	1,059
2	275	1,182	323	1,391
3	393	1,689	451	1,941
4	474	2,036	544	2,340
Piscataquis County				
Bedrooms	Unheated		Heated	
	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	208	896	244	1,051
1	229	983	270	1,159
2	301	1,293	354	1,521
3	359	1,544	423	1,820
4	388	1,668	466	2,002
Somerset County				
Bedrooms	Unheated		Heated	
	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	219	943	254	1,091
1	227	974	270	1,161
2	260	1,116	315	1,357
3	354	1,522	422	1,815
4	370	1,589	452	1,944

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Non-Metropolitan FMR Areas

<u>Waldo County</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	260	1,119	290	1,246
1	260	1,119	291	1,250
2	311	1,339	360	1,548
3	409	1,760	468	2,012
4	464	1,993	534	2,297

<u>Washington County</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	185	795	214	922
1	199	856	237	1,019
2	263	1,132	312	1,341
3	377	1,619	435	1,872
4	414	1,782	485	2,086

Metropolitan FMR Areas

<u>Bangor HMFA</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	283	1,219	313	1,346
1	292	1,255	330	1,417
2	368	1,583	417	1,792
3	478	2,054	536	2,306
4	491	2,113	562	2,417

<u>Cumberland Cty. HMFA</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	289	1,241	318	1,368
1	313	1,347	351	1,510
2	412	1,770	460	1,979
3	540	2,324	599	2,576
4	695	2,987	765	3,291

<u>Lewiston/Auburn MSA</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	256	1,101	286	1,228
1	267	1,148	305	1,311
2	349	1,502	398	1,711
3	456	1,963	515	2,215
4	508	2,183	578	2,487

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Metropolitan FMR Areas

Penobscot Cty. HMFA				
Bedrooms	Unheated		Heated	
	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	216	931	246	1,058
1	227	978	265	1,140
2	300	1,289	348	1,498
3	392	1,687	451	1,939
4	432	1,857	503	2,161
Portland HMFA				
Bedrooms	Unheated		Heated	
	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	341	1,467	371	1,594
1	380	1,634	418	1,797
2	488	2,097	536	2,306
3	599	2,578	658	2,830
4	737	3,168	807	3,472
Sagadahoc Cty. HMFA				
Bedrooms	Unheated		Heated	
	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	248	1,067	278	1,194
1	279	1,200	317	1,363
2	346	1,489	395	1,698
3	492	2,118	551	2,370
4	594	2,555	665	2,859
York Cty. HMFA				
Bedrooms	Unheated		Heated	
	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	293	1,260	323	1,387
1	317	1,363	355	1,526
2	382	1,642	430	1,851
3	519	2,234	578	2,486
4	573	2,462	643	2,766
York/Kittery/S. Berwick HMFA				
Bedrooms	Unheated		Heated	
	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	354	1,521	383	1,648
1	385	1,656	423	1,819
2	506	2,176	555	2,385
3	607	2,610	666	2,862
4	862	3,780	933	4,012

Appendix D

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2026-2027 Electric Utility Maximums

ELECTRIC

NOTE: For an electrically heated dwelling also see "Heating Fuel" maximums below. But remember, an applicant is *not automatically* entitled to the "maximums" established—applicants must demonstrate need.

1) **Electricity Maximums for Households Without Electric Hot Water:** The maximum amounts allowed for utilities, for lights, cooking and other electric uses *excluding* electric hot water and heat:

<u>Number in Household</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
1	\$19.95	\$ 85.50
2	\$22.52	\$ 96.50
3	\$24.97	\$107.00
4	\$27.53	\$118.00
5	\$29.88	\$128.50
6	\$32.55	\$139.50

NOTE: For each additional person add \$10.50 per month.

2) **Electricity Maximums for Households With Electrically Heated Hot Water:** The maximum amounts allowed for utilities, hot water, for lights, cooking and other electric uses *excluding* heat:

<u>Number in Household</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
1	\$29.63	\$127.00
2	\$34.07	\$146.00
3	\$39.67	\$170.00
4	\$46.32	\$198.50
5	\$55.65	\$238.50
6	\$58.68	\$251.50

NOTE: For each additional person add \$14.50 per month.

NOTE: For electrically heated households, the maximum amount allowed for electrical utilities per month shall be the sum of the appropriate maximum amount under this subsection and the appropriate maximum for heating fuel as provided below.

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2026-2027 Heating Fuel Maximums

<u>Month</u>	<u>Gallons</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Gallons</u>
September	50	January	225
October	100	February	225
November	200	March	125
December	200	April	125
		May	50

NOTE: When the dwelling unit is heated electrically, the maximum amount allowed for heating purposes will be calculated by multiplying the number of gallons of fuel allowed for that month by the current price per gallon. When fuels such as wood, coal and/or natural gas are used for heating purposes, they will be budgeted at actual rates, if they are reasonable. No eligible applicant shall be considered to need more than 7 tons of coal per year, 8 cords of wood per year, 126,000 cubic feet of natural gas per year, or 1000 gallons of propane.

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2026-2027 Personal Care & Household Supplies**Maximums**

<u>Number in Household</u>	<u>Weekly Amount</u>	<u>Monthly Amount</u>
1-2	\$10.50	\$45.00
3-4	\$11.60	\$50.00
5-6	\$12.80	\$55.00
7-8	\$14.00	\$60.00

NOTE: For each additional person add \$1.25 per week or \$5.00 per month.

SUPPLEMENT FOR HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN UNDER 5

When an applicant can verify expenditures for the following items, a special supplement will be budgeted as necessary for households with children under 5 years of age for items such as cloth or disposable diapers, laundry powder, oil, shampoo, and ointment up to the following amounts:

<u>Number of Children</u>	<u>Weekly Amount</u>	<u>Monthly Amount</u>
1	\$12.80	\$55.00
2	\$17.40	\$75.00
3	\$23.30	\$100.00
4	\$27.90	\$120.00

2026-2027 Mileage Rate

This municipality adopts the State of Maine travel expense reimbursement rate as set by the Office of the State Controller. The current rate for approved employment and necessary medical travel, etc. is 56 cents (56 ¢) per mile.

Please refer to the Office of State Controller for changes to this rate: Telephone: 626-8420 or visit: <http://www.state.me.us/osc/>.

Funeral Maximums / Burial Maximums and Cremation Maximums

The maximum amount of general assistance granted for the purpose of burial is **\$1,620**.

The municipality's obligation to provide funds for burial purposes is limited to a reasonable calculation of the funeral director's direct costs, not to exceed the maximum amounts of assistance described in this section. Allowable burial expenses are limited to:

- removal of the body from a local residence or institution
- a secured death certificate or obituary
- embalming
- a minimum casket
- a reasonable cost for necessary transportation
- other reasonable and necessary specified direct costs, as itemized by the funeral director and approved by the municipal Administrator.

Additional costs may be allowed by the GA Administrator, where there is an actual cost, for:

- the wholesale cost of a cement liner if the cemetery by-laws require one;
- the opening and closing of the grave site; and
- a lot in the least expensive section of the cemetery. If the municipality is able to provide a cemetery lot in a municipally owned cemetery or in a cemetery under municipal control, the cost of the cemetery lot in any other cemetery will not be paid by the municipality.

Cremation Maximums

The maximum amount of assistance granted for a cremation shall be **\$1,125**.

The municipality's obligation to provide funds for cremation purposes is limited to a reasonable calculation of the funeral director's direct costs, not to exceed the maximum amounts of assistance described in this section. Allowable cremation expenses are limited to:

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- removal and transportation of the body from a local residence or institution
- professional fees
- crematorium fees
- a secured death certificate or obituary
- other reasonable and necessary specified direct costs, as itemized by the funeral director and approved by the municipal administrator.

Additional costs may be allowed by the GA Administrator where there is an actual cost, for:

- a cremation lot in the least expensive section of the cemetery
- a reasonable cost for a burial urn not to exceed \$55
- transportation costs borne by the funeral director at a reasonable rate per mile for transporting the remains to and from the cremation facility.

2026-2027 GA Housing Maximums

Recovery Residences

The following Recovery Residence maximums are in effect from 10/1/2026- 9/30/2027

Non-Metropolitan FMR Areas	25 Beds or less		26+ Beds	
Area	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
Aroostook County	\$176.25	\$758.25	\$123.38	\$530.78
Franklin County	\$188.25	\$809.25	\$131.78	\$566.48
Hancock County	\$231.75	\$995.25	\$162.23	\$696.68
Kennebec County	\$204.00	\$877.50	\$142.80	\$614.25
Knox County	\$214.50	\$922.50	\$150.15	\$645.75
Lincoln County	\$240.75	\$1,035.75	\$168.53	\$725.03
Oxford County	\$184.50	\$794.25	\$129.15	\$555.98
Piscataquis County	\$202.50	\$869.25	\$141.75	\$608.48
Somerset County	\$202.50	\$870.75	\$141.75	\$609.53
Waldo County	\$218.25	\$937.50	\$152.78	\$656.25
Washington County	\$177.75	\$764.25	\$124.43	\$534.98

Metropolitan FMR Areas	25 Beds or less		26+ Beds	
Area	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
Bangor HMFA	\$247.50	\$1,062.75	\$173.25	\$743.93
Cumberland Cty. HMFA	\$263.25	\$1,132.50	\$184.28	\$792.75
Lewiston/Auburn MSA	\$228.75	\$983.25	\$160.13	\$688.28
Penobscot Cty. HMFA	\$198.75	\$855.00	\$139.13	\$598.50
Portland HMFA	\$313.50	\$1,347.75	\$219.45	\$943.43
Sagadahoc Cty. HMFA	\$237.75	\$1,022.25	\$166.43	\$715.58
York Cty. HMFA	\$266.25	\$1,144.50	\$186.38	\$801.15
York/Kittery/S. Berwick HMFA	\$317.25	\$1,364.25	\$222.08	\$954.98

These rates were calculated according to CMR 10-144, Ch. 323, Section V which requires:

- A. The Recovery Residence is 75% of 1 bedroom heated rate.
- B. The Recovery Residence rate for a facility with 26 or more beds is 70% of the <26 bed rate (A).

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General Assistance Maximums Reference Sheet-Penobscot County

Oct 1, 2026-Sept 30, 2027

OVERALL MAXIMUMS (A)				
Persons in Household				
1	2	3	4	5
\$1,080	\$1,167	\$1,531	\$1,979	\$2,211
Household of 6 =				\$2,286
*Note: Add \$75 for each additional person.				

HOUSING MAXIMUMS (C)				
Bedrooms	Unheated		Heated	
	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	\$216	\$931	\$246	\$1,058
1	\$227	\$978	\$265	\$1,140
2	\$300	\$1,289	\$348	\$1,498
3	\$392	\$1,687	\$451	\$1,939
4	\$432	\$1,857	\$503	\$2,161
Recovery Residence			\$198.75	\$855.00
26+ rooms			\$139.13	\$598.50

FOOD MAXIMUMS (B)			
Persons	Weekly	Monthly	
1	\$71.16	\$306.00	
2	\$130.70	\$562.00	
3	\$187.91	\$808.00	
4	\$237.91	\$1,023.00	
5	\$283.02	\$1,217.00	
6	\$340.23	\$1,463.00	
7	\$375.81	\$1,616.00	
8	\$428.14	\$1,841.00	

Note: For each additional person add \$225 per month.

FUNERAL MAXIMUMS (H)	
Cremation	\$1,125
Additional costs that may be allowed:	
* A cremation lot in the least expensive section of the cemetery.	
* Urn, not to exceed \$55.	
* Transportation costs at a reasonable rate per mile.	
Burial	\$1,620
Additional costs that may be allowed:	
* Wholesale cost of cement liner, if required.	
* Opening and closing of gravesite.	
* A lot in the least expensive section of the cemetery unless they can provide a lot in a municipally owned cemetery.	

ELECTRIC (D)					
Without electric heat/hot water			WITH electric heat/hot water		
# in HH	Weekly	Monthly	# in HH	Weekly	Monthly
1	\$19.95	\$85.50	1	\$29.63	\$127.00
2	\$22.52	\$96.50	2	\$34.07	\$146.00
3	\$24.97	\$107.00	3	\$39.67	\$170.00
4	\$27.53	\$118.00	4	\$46.32	\$198.50
5	\$29.88	\$128.50	5	\$55.65	\$238.50
6	\$32.55	\$139.50	6	\$58.68	\$251.50

For each additional person, add \$10.50/mo

NOTE: For an electrically heated dwelling also see "Heating Fuel" maximums below. But remember, an applicant is not automatically entitled to the "maximums" established applicants must demonstrate need. 1) Electricity Maximums for Households Without Electric Hot Water: The maximum amounts allowed for utilities, for lights, cooking and other electric uses excluding electric hot water and heat.

For each additional person, add \$14.50/mo

2) Electricity Maximums for Households with Electrically Heated Hot Water: The maximum amounts allowed for utilities, hot water, for lights, cooking and other electric uses excluding heat:

HEATING FUEL (E)	
Month	Gallons
January	225
February	225
March	125
April	125
May	50
June - August	0
September	50
October	100
November	200
December	200

NOTE: When the dwelling unit is heated electrically, the maximum amount allowed for heating purposes will be calculated by multiplying the number of gallons of fuel allowed for that month by the current price per gallon. When fuels such as wood, coal and/or natural gas are used for heating purposes, they will be budgeted at actual rates, if they are reasonable. No eligible applicant shall be considered to need more than 7 tons of coal per year, 8 cords of wood per year, 126,000 cubic feet of natural gas per year, or 1000 gallons of propane.

PERSONAL CARE & HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES (F)		
# in HH	Weekly	Monthly
1-2	\$10.50	\$45.00
3-4	\$11.60	\$50.00
5-6	\$12.80	\$55.00
7-8	\$14.00	\$60.00
For each additional person add \$1.25/wk or \$5 per month		
Mileage Rate (G)		\$0.56 per mile

SUPPLEMENTS FOR HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN UNDER 5 (F)		
# of Children	Weekly	Monthly
1	\$12.80	\$55.00
2	\$17.40	\$75.00
3	\$23.30	\$100.00
4	\$27.90	\$120.00
When an applicant can verify expenditures for the following items, a special supplement will be budgeted as necessary for households with children under 5 years of age for items such as cloth or disposable diapers, laundry powder, oil, & shampoo, up to the following amounts:		

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