**Policy Clarifications**

**Food Stamps- All**

**PFS-19355-560**

**Submitted: 7/8/2019 Agency: CAOs**

**Subject: Pet Fees and Shelter Deductions**

**Question:**

If an individual pays an additional charge to their landlord for having a pet, is the additional charge an allowable shelter deduction for SNAP? For example, the rent is $500 per month and the individual must pay an extra $25 per month because they have a dog.

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| **Response by: Policy Clarification Unit Date:** |  |

No, a pet is not an allowable deduction.  Regulations 7CFR 273.9(d)(6)(ii)(A) indicate that allowable shelter costs are for continuing charges for the shelter occupied by the household.  A pet fee is not an allowable shelter deduction.