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Policy Clarification

SNAP Assistance

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Agency: CAOs

Subject: Homeless Household Shelter Deduction

Question: We have a client that reports staying in a hotel a couple times a month. Are they eligible for the Homeless Shelter Deduction?

Response By: Division of Federal Programs

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Yes. If the client is reporting that they stay in a hotel at least one night per month or more, and provides verification, the client's homeless information should be put into the system on the program request questions screen. The question "Does the homeless household pay rent (shelter expense)?" should be answered yes. The client will be program status code 41 and receive the current deduction of \$152. If the client needs assistance getting verification, the CAO should help to the best of their ability and narrate thoroughly. The system will set a 90 day alert to review the client's FS 41 status.