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SNAP Administrator  
RI Department of Human Services  
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Dear Ms. ~~Ramian~~ *Iowna*:

Thank you for your recent Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2018 Standard Utility Allowance (SUA) request. FNS approves the request to adjust your SUA effective October 1, 2017 for the amounts below:

<b>Heating and Cooling Standard Utility Allowance*</b>	<b>\$628</b>
<b>*(Reflects \$10 reduction for standard medical deduction cost neutrality)</b>	
<b>Telephone Allowance</b>	<b>\$23</b>

Please contact Pam Griffin at (617) 565-6478 or [Pamela.Griffin@fns.usda.gov](mailto:Pamela.Griffin@fns.usda.gov) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Brathwaite, Director  
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program  
Northeast Region

cc: Courtney Hawkins, Director, RI DHS  
Yvette Mendez, Deputy Director, RI DHS  
Kimberly Nikolaidis, Assistant Administrator, SNAP, RI DHS