



Rhode Island Department of Human Services
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
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Lizbeth Silbermann, Director
Program Development Division
Food and Nutrition Service
Park Office Center
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Alexandria, VA 22302

**RE: Acceptance of Waiver Terms and Conditions for Standard Medical Deduction
(SMD) Demonstration Project**

Dear Ms. Silbermann:

The State of Rhode Island Department of Human Services (DHS) is pleased to be granted an extension to the Standard Medical Deduction (SMD) Demonstration Project. DHS will continue to use a standard medical deduction in the amount of \$141.00. Eligible households will receive a standard medical deduction to replace the actual costs of medical expenses which are in excess of \$35 a month incurred by elderly or disabled household members. Additionally, DHS will continue to reduce the Standard Utility Allowance by \$10 to offset the increased cost of applying a standard medical deduction to eligible households whose excess medical costs are less than the standard medical deduction amount.

RI DHS acknowledges and accepts the waiver terms and conditions associated with this project as well as the reporting requirements indicated in the September 29, 2017 approval letter.

Thank you for approving this project. Should you require anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me at 401-462-6410 or by email at Iwona.Ramian@dhs.ri.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ramian".

Iwona Ramian, Esq.
SNAP Administrator

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