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Introduced by M. of A. L. ROSENTHAL, DE LOS SANTOS, MAMDANI, REYES, EPSTEIN, MEEKS, TAYLOR, AUBRY, CRUZ, BICHOTTE HERMELYN, TAPIA, MITAYNES -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. FORREST, STECK -- read once and referred to the Committee on Social Services -- recommitted to the Committee on Social Services in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to increasing the standards of monthly need and home energy grant amounts for persons in receipt of public assistance

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Paragraph (a-4) of subdivision 2 of section 131-a of the social services law, as added by section 1 of part D of chapter 57 of the laws of 2012, is amended and a new paragraph (a-5) is added to read as follows:

(a-4) For the period beginning October first, two thousand twelve and [~~thereafter~~] **ending June thirtieth, two thousand twenty-four**, the following shall be the standard of monthly need for determining eligibility for all categories of assistance in and by all social services districts:

Number of Persons in Household					
One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six
$158	$252	$336	$433	$534	$617

For each additional person in the household there shall be added an additional amount of eighty-five dollars monthly.

(a-5) For the period beginning July first, two thousand twenty-four, the following shall be the standard of monthly need for determining eligibility for all categories of assistance in and by all social services districts:

Number of Persons in Household

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six
$263	$420	$558	$720	$889	$1027

For each additional person in the household there shall be added an additional amount of one hundred forty-one dollars monthly.

Annually thereafter, the standard of monthly need for determining eligibility for all categories of assistance in and by all social services districts shall be increased based on the current cost of living adjustments as determined by the federal social security administration.

§ 2. Paragraph (a-4) of subdivision 3 of section 131-a of the social services law, as added by section 2 of part D of chapter 57 of the laws of 2012, is amended and a new paragraph (a-5) is added to read as follows:

(a-4) For the period beginning October first, two thousand twelve and [~~thereafter~~] ending June thirtieth, two thousand twenty-four, persons and families determined to be eligible by the application of the standard of need prescribed by the provisions of subdivision two of this section, less any available income or resources which are not required to be disregarded by other provisions of this chapter, shall receive maximum monthly grants and allowances in all social services districts, in accordance with the following schedule, for public assistance:

Number of Persons in Household

One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six
$158	$252	$336	$433	$534	$617

For each additional person in the household there shall be added an additional amount of eighty-five dollars monthly.

(a-5) For the period beginning July first, two thousand twenty-four, persons and families determined to be eligible by the application of the standard of need prescribed by the provisions of subdivision two of this section, less any available income or resources which are not required to be disregarded by other provisions of this chapter, shall receive maximum monthly grants and allowances in all social services districts, in accordance with the following schedule, for public assistance:

Number of Persons in Household

One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six
$263	$420	$558	$720	$889	$1027

For each additional person in the household there shall be added an additional amount of one hundred forty-one dollars monthly.

Annually thereafter, the standard of monthly need for determining eligibility for all categories of assistance in and by all social services districts shall be increased based on the current cost of living adjustments as determined by the federal social security administration.

§ 3. Subdivision 3-c of section 131-a of the social services law, as amended by chapter 77 of the laws of 1989, is amended to read as follows:

3-c. (a) Commencing July first, nineteen hundred eighty-one and ending June thirtieth, two thousand twenty-four, persons and families determined to be eligible by the application of the standard of need prescribed by the provision of subdivision two of this section, shall receive a home energy grant equal to the following monthly amounts:

Number of Persons in Household

One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six
$14.10	$22.50	$30.00	$38.70	$47.70	$55.20

For each additional needy person in the household, there shall be added an additional amount of seven dollars and fifty cents.

(b) For the period beginning July first, two thousand twenty-four, persons and families determined to be eligible by the application of the standard of need prescribed by the provisions of subdivision two of this section, shall receive a home energy grant equal to the following monthly amounts:

Number of Persons in Household					
One	**Two**	**Three**	**Four**	**Five**	**Six**
$47	**$75**	**$100**	**$128**	**$158**	**$183**

For each additional needy person in the household there shall be added an additional amount of twenty-five dollars.

Annually thereafter, the standard of monthly need for determining eligibility for all categories of assistance in and by all social services districts shall be increased based on the current cost of living adjustments as determined by the federal social security administration.

§ 4. Subdivision 3-d of section 131-a of the social services law, as added by chapter 60 of the laws of 1985, is amended to read as follows:

3-d. **(a)** Commencing January first, nineteen hundred eighty-six **and ending June thirtieth, two thousand twenty-four**, for persons and families determined to be eligible by the application of the standard of need prescribed by the provisions of subdivision two of this section, the amounts set forth in paragraph (a) of subdivision three of this section, after application of subdivision three-c of this section, shall be increased by the following amounts as a monthly supplemental home energy grant:

Number of Persons in Household					
One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six
$11	$17	$23	$30	$37	$42

For each additional needy person in the household, there shall be added an additional amount of five dollars monthly.

(b) For the period beginning July first, two thousand twenty-four, for persons and families determined to be eligible by the application of the standard of need prescribed by the provisions of subdivision two of this section, the amounts set forth in paragraph (a) of subdivision three of this section, after application of subdivision three-c of this section, shall be increased by the following amounts as a monthly supplemental home energy grant:

Number of Persons in Household					
One	**Two**	**Three**	**Four**	**Five**	**Six**
$30	**$46**	**$62**	**$81**	**$100**	**$114**

For each additional needy person in the household, there shall be added an additional amount of fourteen dollars monthly.

Annually thereafter, the standard of monthly need for determining eligibility for all categories of assistance in and by all social services districts shall be increased based on the current cost of living adjustments as determined by the federal social security administration.

§ 5. This act shall take effect immediately.