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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:

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

5 (a-4) For the period beginning October first, two thousand twelve and  
6 [~~thereafter~~] ending June thirtieth, two thousand twenty-five, the  
7 following shall be the standard of monthly need for determining eligi-  
8 bility for all categories of assistance in and by all social services  
9 districts:

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

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

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

<u>Number of Persons in Household</u>						
<u>One</u>	<u>Two</u>	<u>Three</u>	<u>Four</u>	<u>Five</u>	<u>Six</u>	

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

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1           \$316           \$504           \$672           \$866           \$1068           \$1234  
2    For each additional person in the household there shall be added an  
3    additional amount of two hundred eighty-two dollars monthly.  
4    Annually thereafter, the standard of monthly need for determining  
5    eligibility for all categories of assistance in and by all social  
6    services districts shall be increased based on the current cost of  
7    living adjustments as determined by the federal social security adminis-  
8    tration.

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

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

21                                   Number of Persons in Household

22           One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six
23           \$158	\$252	\$336	\$433	\$534	\$617

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

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

33                                   Number of Persons in Household

34           One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six
35           \$316	\$504	\$672	\$866	\$1068	\$1234

36    For each additional person in the household there shall be added an  
37 additional amount of two hundred eighty-two dollars monthly.

38    Annually thereafter, the standard of monthly need for determining  
39 eligibility for all categories of assistance in and by all social  
40 services districts shall be increased based on the current cost of  
41 living adjustments as determined by the federal social security adminis-  
42 tration.

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

46    3-c. (a) Commencing July first, nineteen hundred eighty-one and ending  
47 June thirtieth, two thousand twenty-five, persons and families deter-  
48 mined to be eligible by the application of the standard of need  
49 prescribed by the provision of subdivision two of this section, shall  
50 receive a home energy grant equal to the following monthly amounts:

51                                   Number of Persons in Household

52           One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six
53           \$14.10	\$22.50	\$30.00	\$38.70	\$47.70	\$55.20

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

(b) For the period beginning July first, two thousand twenty-five, 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:

<u>Number of Persons in Household</u>					
<u>One</u>	<u>Two</u>	<u>Three</u>	<u>Four</u>	<u>Five</u>	<u>Six</u>
<u>\$28.20</u>	<u>\$45</u>	<u>\$60</u>	<u>\$77.40</u>	<u>\$95.40</u>	<u>\$110.40</u>

For each additional needy person in the household there shall be added an additional amount of fifty 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-five, 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:

<u>Number of Persons in Household</u>					
<u>One</u>	<u>Two</u>	<u>Three</u>	<u>Four</u>	<u>Five</u>	<u>Six</u>
<u>\$11</u>	<u>\$17</u>	<u>\$23</u>	<u>\$30</u>	<u>\$37</u>	<u>\$42</u>

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-five, 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:

<u>Number of Persons in Household</u>					
<u>One</u>	<u>Two</u>	<u>Three</u>	<u>Four</u>	<u>Five</u>	<u>Six</u>
<u>\$22</u>	<u>\$34</u>	<u>\$46</u>	<u>\$60</u>	<u>\$74</u>	<u>\$84</u>

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