

Amendment No. ____

Offered by Ms. Adams of North Carolina

Amendment Description: This amendment standardizes and increases the medical expense deduction used when determining SNAP benefits based on income.

AMENDMENT TO _____
OFFERED BY MS. ADAMS OF NORTH CAROLINA

Strike subtitle A.

Add at the end the following:

1 SEC. ____ . DEDUCTIONS FROM INCOME.

2 (a) STANDARD MEDICAL EXPENSE DEDUCTION.—

3 Section 5(c)(5) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008
4 (7 U.S.C. 2014(e)(5)) is amended—

5 (1) in the paragraph heading, by striking “Ex-
6 cess medical” and inserting “Medical”;

7 (2) in subparagraph (A), by striking “an excess
8 medical” and all that follows through the period at
9 the end and inserting “a standard medical deduction
10 or a medical expense deduction of actual costs for
11 the allowable medical expenses incurred by the elder-
12 ly or disabled member, exclusive of special diets.”;

13 (3) in subparagraph (B)(i), by striking “ex-
14 cess”; and

15 (4) by adding at the end the following:

16 “(D) STANDARD MEDICAL EXPENSE DE-
17 Duction AMOUNT.—

1 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Except as pro-
2 vided in clause (ii), the standard medical
3 expense deduction shall be—

4 “(I) for fiscal year 2026, \$140;
5 and

6 “(II) for each subsequent fiscal
7 year, equal to the applicable amount
8 for the immediately preceding fiscal
9 year as adjusted to reflect changes for
10 the 12-month period ending the pre-
11 ceding June 30 in the Consumer Price
12 Index for All Urban Consumers: Med-
13 ical Care published by the Bureau of
14 Labor Statistics of the Department of
15 Labor.

16 “(ii) EXCEPTION.—For any fiscal
17 year, a State agency may establish a great-
18 er standard medical expense deduction
19 than described in clause (i) if the greater
20 deduction satisfies cost neutrality stand-
21 ards established by the Secretary for that
22 fiscal year.”.

23 (b) ELIMINATION OF CAP OF EXCESS SHELTER EX-
24 PENSES.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 5(e)(6) of the Food
2 and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2014(e)(6)) is
3 amended—

4 (A) by striking subparagraph (B); and

5 (B) by redesignating subparagraphs (C)
6 and (D) as subparagraphs (B) and (C), respec-
7 tively.

8 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
9 2605(f)(2)(A) of the Low-Income Home Energy As-
10 sistance Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 8624(f)(2)(A)) is
11 amended by striking “5(e)(6)(C)(iv)(I) of that Act
12 (7 U.S.C. 2014(e)(6)(C)(iv)(I))” and inserting
13 “5(e)(6)(B)(iv)(I) of that Act (7 U.S.C.
14 2014(e)(6)(B)(iv)(I))”.

