



Office of Temporary
and Disability Assistance

Public Assistance (PA) Shelter Allowance and Shelter Supplement

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Monthly Shelter Allowance

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- Provided as part of Public Assistance (PA) grant
- Determined as follows:
 - By district
 - Number of individuals in the household
 - Housing type
 - Household's actual housing cost
 - Presence of a child in the household

Monthly Shelter Allowance Maximum

- Each district provides a monthly allowance for rent based on the established maximum and the actual rent cost
- Allowances vary by district
- Example: Statewide Average Rent Allowance Table

Family Size								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
With Children	\$217	\$237	\$309	\$347	\$386	\$403	\$421	\$422
Without Children	\$200	\$232	\$266	\$290	\$314	\$325	\$340	\$371

Shelter Supplement

Public Assistance Shelter Supplement

- Provides an additional shelter payment in excess of the shelter allowance maximum, to pay for housing in high-cost areas or special situations
- Districts may request to administer a PA shelter supplement program
- Funding for shelter supplementation is provided through the PA program
- If a district chooses to participate, the district sends a proposed plan to OTDA for approval

Why Shelter Supplements?

- Costly housing markets
- Ability to tailor benefits to meet local needs and special populations (e.g. large families)
- Increase stability for individuals
- More cost effective than short-term housing solutions
- Maximize SNAP benefits

Thank you