



**MFIP EMPLOYMENT SERVICES MANUAL
DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES ATTACHMENT
REVISED SECTIONS – ISSUED 01/2014**

Appendix A (MFIP Assistance Standards) corrects the MFIP Transition Standard for a household of 8. This change was EFFECTIVE 11/1/13.

MFIP Transition Standards and Shared Household Standards effective November 1, 2013:

MFIP Unit	Family Wage Level	Transitional Standard		
Eligible People	Standard	Full Standard	Cash Portion	Food Portion
1	\$ 459	\$ 417	\$ 250	\$ 167
2	820	745	437	308
3	1076	978	532	446
4	1309	1190	621	569
5	1504	1367	697	670
6	1725	1568	773	795
7	1880	1709	850	859
8	2077	1888	916	972
9	2272	2065	980	1085
10	2461	2237	1,035	1202
Each Additional Person	187	170	53	117

Use the Family Wage Level (FWL) standard only for units with earned income.

For families with a child subject to the family cap, apply the FWL for the household size including that child. To determine the Transitional Standard to apply, add the cash portion for the household size **not including** the child to the food portion for the household size **including** the child.

Some state and federal programs do not count the food portion as income. Examples of these programs include housing subsidy programs, low income energy assistance program, Relative Custody Assistance program (RCAP), and Supplemental Security Income when determining interim assistance amount.

SHARED HOUSEHOLD STANDARD effective November 1, 2013:

MFIP Unit	Shared Household Standard		
Eligible People	Full Standard	Cash Portion	Food Portion
1	\$ 392	\$ 225	\$ 167
2	701	393	308
3	925	479	446
4	1128	559	569
5	1297	627	670
6	1491	696	795
7	1624	765	859
8	1796	824	972
9	1967	882	1085
10	2134	932	1202
Each Additional Person	165	48	117

NOTE: Assistance standards for a household of more than 10 are calculated by MAXIS.

The Shared Household Standard does NOT apply if:

- The MFIP member is a victim of family violence.
OR
- The non-MFIP member meets the eligible caregiver requirement.
OR
- The MFIP family includes a child subject to the family cap.

Use the Shared Household Standard unless unrelated household members meet at least 1 of the following EXCEPTIONS:

- Receiving Public Assistance:
 - Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP).
 - General Assistance (GA).
 - Emergency General Assistance (EGA).
 - Minnesota Supplemental Aid (MSA).
 - Minnesota Food Assistance Program (MFAP).
 - Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA).
 - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
 - Medical Assistance (MA).
 - General Assistance Medical Care (GAMC).
 - MinnesotaCare.
 - Supplemental Security Income (SSI).
 - Adoption Assistance.
 - Relative Custody Assistance.
 - Foster Care.
- Roomer, Boarder, or a Person to whom Room or Board Is Paid:
For this to apply, the unit must meet the definition of ROOMER/BOARDER, not simply share living expenses. If the MFIP unit is receiving roomer/boarder income, consider the income as self-employment.
- Minor Child
- Minor Caregiver:
This includes minor caregivers living with parents or in an approved supervised living arrangement, if applicable.

- **Caregiver of a Child not in the MFIP Assistance Unit:**
This refers to the relationship of an unrelated person in the household to a child that is not considered part of the MFIP assistance unit.

- **Providing Child Care to a Child in the MFIP Assistance Unit:**
This refers to the unrelated person providing care for a child who is part of the MFIP assistance unit.