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**SUBJECT:** Implementing GA Rule 24: Changes Pursuant to L.D. 964  
**TO:** Maine General Assistance Administrators  
**DATE:** September 1, 2022

Dear General Assistance Administrator:

This memorandum is intended to provide guidance regarding the Department of Health and Human Services' policy for General Assistance eligibility regarding recovery residences.

### **Recovery Residence Definition**

For the purposes of determining eligibility for General Assistance, a recovery residence is defined as a shared living residence for persons recovering from substance use disorder that is focused on peer support, provides to its residents an environment free of alcohol and illegal drugs and assists its residents by connecting the residents to support services or resources in the community that are available to persons recovering from substance use disorder (10-144 C.M.R. Chapter 323, Section II).

### **Eligibility for General Assistance to Inhabitants of a Recovery Residence**

An applicant who requests assistance while residing in a recovery residence is not ineligible for General Assistance solely because the applicant resides in a recovery residence. When an applicant for General Assistance resides in the same recovery residence dwelling with one or more other individuals, the applicant who requests assistance while residing in the recovery residence is not considered to have commingling funds (10-144 C.M.R. Chapter 323, Section II).

### **Recovery Residence Certification Required**

Beginning July 1, 2022, a municipality may not provide housing assistance to a person residing in a recovery residence that has not been certified in accordance with 5 M.R.S. § 20005(22)<sup>1</sup>, except that the person may receive housing assistance while residing in an uncertified recovery residence for one 30-day period only. The applicant may receive assistance for necessities other than housing if the applicant is otherwise eligible while residing in an uncertified recovery residence. The overseer shall inform the applicant of the certification requirement and shall verify certification status prior to rendering a decision of eligibility (10-144 C.M.R. Chapter 323, Section IV). Verification of certification may be completed by visiting the Maine Association of Recovery Residences (MARR) website at <https://www.mainerecoveryresidences.com>. The administrator may accept verification of certification of the recovery residence from the recovery residence operator, or from a tenant or prospective tenant of the recovery residence. The municipality shall verify certification at regular and reasonable times as indicated by the residence's certification dates and as deemed necessary by the administrator.

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<sup>1</sup> 5 M.R.S. § 20005(22) establishes by rule the criteria for the certification of recovery residences. The standards of which are based on criteria for recovery residences developed by a nationally recognized organization that supports persons recovering from substance use disorder.

**Rental Payments to Recovery Residences**

The maximum level of shelter costs for applicants in a recovery residence is 75% of the 1-bedroom allowance set pursuant to Appendix C of the municipal ordinance for housing maximums. These maximums are updated on an annual basis for October 1<sup>st</sup> to reflect the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) fair market rents minus utilities. When a municipality elects to set maximum housing allowances based on their own analysis of rent in the municipality, pursuant to 10-144 C.M.R. Chapter 323, Section V (D), the rental payment to recovery residences in that municipality shall maintain a maximum shelter allowance of 75% of the municipality's 1-bedroom allowance as set pursuant to Appendix C of the municipal ordinance for that municipality.

If you have questions concerning the eligibility of an applicant, please do not hesitate to contact the General Assistance Hotline at 1-800-442-6003.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sara Denson", with a horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the name.

Sara Denson, General Assistance Program Manager  
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To: Welfare Officials and Contracted Agents  
From: Sara Denson, Program Manager, General Assistance  
Date: September 7, 2022  
Subject: New GA Maximums for October 1, 2022

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Enclosed please find the following items:

- MMA's new (October 1, 2022–September 30, 2023) “**General Assistance Ordinance Appendices**” (A – G).
- Recovery Residence Housing Maximums (October 1, 2022-September 30, 2023)
- “**GA Ordinance Adoption Form**” which was developed so that municipalities may easily send DHHS proof of the adoption of any updated or changed GA Ordinance. Once the selectpersons or council adopts the new ordinance, the enclosed form should be signed and submitted to DHHS. (*see “Filing of GA Ordinance and/or Appendices” below for further information*).
- “**GA Maximums Adoption Form**” which was developed so that municipalities may easily send DHHS proof of GA maximums adoption. Once the selectpersons or council adopts the new maximums, the enclosed form should be signed and submitted to DHHS. (*see “Filing of GA Ordinance and/or Appendices” below for further information*).

### Updates

Please note that updates have been made to the General Assistance Ordinance, Appendix A (overall maximums), Appendix B (food maximums), Appendix C (housing maximums), Appendix D (electricity maximums) and Appendix G (mileage rate). There is also a new Recovery Residence Housing Maximums guide. We anticipate an updated the Maine Municipal Association (MMA) GA Ordinance will be released soon. You can find information about the MMA Model Ordinance on the Maine Welfare Director’s Association (MWDA) website at [www.mainewelfaredirectors.org](http://www.mainewelfaredirectors.org).

### Appendix A – G

The enclosed Appendices A – G have been revised for your municipality’s General Assistance Ordinance. These new Appendices, **once adopted**, should replace the existing Appendices A – G. Even if you are not updating your GA Ordinance, **the municipal officers must approve/adopt the new Appendices yearly.**

### **The Adoption Process**

The **municipal officers (i.e., selectpersons/council)** adopt the local **General Assistance Ordinance and yearly Appendices**, even in town meeting communities. The law requires that the municipal officers conduct a **notice and hearing** prior to the adoption of the Ordinance and/or Appendices. Seven days posted notice is recommended, unless local law (or practice) provides otherwise.

At the hearing, the municipal officers should:

- 1) Allow all interested members of the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed ordinance;
- 2) End public discussion, close the hearing; and
- 3) Move and vote to adopt the ordinance and/or appendices either in its posted form or as amended in light of public discussion.

### **Municipalities May Establish Their Own Maximums**

Municipalities may establish their own maximum levels of assistance provided that the proposed levels of assistance are reasonable and meet adequate standards sufficient to maintain the health and safety of applicants in the municipality. The municipality must submit to the Department documentation to justify these levels of assistance and verify that the figures developed are appropriate to maintain health and decency.

A municipality's maximum assistance level for Food may not be below the Department provided figures which are issued by the USDA and published annually following a study of cost of food for various family sizes. A market basket survey may be used to establish food maximums if the maximums provided by the USDA are insufficient to maintain health in the municipality. (C.M.R. 10-144, Chapter 323, Section V).

### **Filing of GA Ordinance and/or Appendices**

Please remember that General Assistance law requires each municipality to send DHHS a copy of its ordinance once adopted, should that ordinance differ from the MMA Model. Any changes or amendments, such as new Appendices, must also be submitted to DHHS. DHHS will accept the enclosed "adoption sheet" as proof that your Municipal Officers have adopted the current MMA Model GA maximums and/or ordinance.

## **2022-2023 Mileage Rate**

This municipality adopts the State of Maine travel expense reimbursement rate as set by the Office of the State Comptroller. The current rate for approved employment and necessary medical travel etc. is 46 cents (46¢) per mile.

Please refer to the Office of the State Controller for changes to this rate at 626-8420 or visit <http://www.state.me.us/osc/>

## 2022-2023 GA Overall Maximums

### Metropolitan Areas

#### Persons in Household

COUNTY	1	2	3	4	5*
<b>Bangor HMFA:</b> Bangor, Brewer, Eddington, Glenburn, Hampden, Hermon, Holden, Kenduskeag, Milford, Old Town, Orono, Orrington, Penobscot Indian Island Reservation, Veazie	826	955	1,219	1,515	2,071
<b>Cumberland County HMFA:</b> Baldwin, Bridgton, Brunswick, Harpswell, Harrison, Naples, New Gloucester, Pownal, Sebago	1,016	1,075	1,409	1,865	1,991
<b>Lewiston/Auburn MSA:</b> Auburn, Durham, Greene, Leeds, Lewiston, Lisbon, Livermore, Livermore Falls, Mechanic Falls, Minot, Poland, Sabattus, Turner, Wales	795	859	1,099	1,427	1,728
<b>Penobscot County HMFA:</b> Alton, Argyle UT, Bradford, Bradley, Burlington, Carmel, Carroll plantation, Charleston, Chester, Clifton, Corinna, Corinth, Dexter, Dixmont, Drew plantation, East Central Penobscot UT, East Millinocket, Edinburg, Enfield, Etna, Exeter, Garland, Greenbush, Howland, Hudson, Kingman UT, Lagrange, Lakeville, Lee, Levant, Lincoln, Lowell town, Mattawamkeag, Maxfield, Medway, Millinocket, Mount Chase, Newburgh Newport, North Penobscot UT, Passadumkeag, Patten, Plymouth, Prentiss UT, Seboeis plantation, Springfield, Stacyville, Stetson, Twombly UT, Webster plantation, Whitney UT, Winn, Woodville	789	792	1,043	1,302	1,420
<b>Portland HMFA:</b> Cape Elizabeth, Casco, Chebeague Island, Cumberland, Falmouth, Freeport, Frye Island, Gorham, Gray, Long Island, North Yarmouth, Portland, Raymond, Scarborough, South Portland, Standish, Westbrook, Windham, Yarmouth; Buxton, Hollis, Limington, Old Orchard Beach	1,263	1,463	1,893	2,415	2,958
<b>Sagadahoc HMFA:</b> Arrowsic, Bath, Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, Georgetown, Perkins UT, Phippsburg, Richmond, Topsham, West Bath, Woolwich	874	1,031	1,253	1,650	1,880

## Appendix B

Effective: 10/01/22 to 09/30/23

### 2022-2023 Food Maximums

Please Note: The maximum amounts allowed for food are established in accordance with the U.S.D.A. Thrifty Food Plan. As of October 1, 2022, those amounts are:

<b>Number in Household</b>	<b>Weekly Maximum</b>	<b>Monthly Maximum</b>
1	\$ 65.35	\$ 281.00
2	120.00	516.00
3	172.09	740.00
4	218.37	939.00
5	259.53	1,116.00
6	311.40	1,339.00
7	344.19	1,480.00
8	393.26	1,691.00

**Note: For each additional person add \$211 per month.**

## 2022-2023 GA Housing Maximums (Heated & Unheated Rents)

**NOTE: NOT ALL MUNICIPALITIES SHOULD ADOPT THESE SUGGESTED HOUSING MAXIMUMS!** Municipalities should ONLY **consider** adopting the following numbers, if these figures are consistent with local rent values. If not, a market survey should be conducted and the figures should be altered accordingly. The results of any such survey must be presented to DHHS prior to adoption. **Or, no housing maximums should be adopted and eligibility should be analyzed in terms of the Overall Maximum—Appendix A. (See Instruction Memo for further guidance.)**

### **Non-Metropolitan FMR Areas**

<b><u>Aroostook County</u></b>	<b><u>Unheated</u></b>		<b><u>Heated</u></b>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	123	528	157	676
1	126	541	171	735
2	140	604	200	859
3	197	846	270	1,159
4	218	935	308	1,323
<b><u>Franklin County</u></b>	<b><u>Unheated</u></b>		<b><u>Heated</u></b>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	131	564	165	712
1	131	564	176	755
2	147	632	206	887
3	207	890	280	1,203
4	267	1,148	357	1,536
<b><u>Hancock County</u></b>	<b><u>Unheated</u></b>		<b><u>Heated</u></b>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	176	755	204	875
1	176	755	211	908
2	205	883	253	1,089
3	260	1,120	319	1,373
4	276	1,187	349	1,500
<b><u>Kennebec County</u></b>	<b><u>Unheated</u></b>		<b><u>Heated</u></b>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	159	684	187	804
1	159	684	190	818
2	189	811	237	1,017
3	252	1,083	311	1,336
4	258	1,109	331	1,422



## 2022-2023 GA MAXIMUMS SUMMARY SHEET

Note: The overall maximums found in *Appendices A, B, C, D, E, and F* are effective from **October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023.**

### APPENDIX A - OVERALL MAXIMUMS

<u>County</u>	<u>Persons in Household</u>					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>NOTE:</b> For each additional person add \$75 per month.						
<b>(The applicable figures from Appendix A, <i>once adopted</i>, should be inserted here.)</b>						

### APPENDIX B - FOOD MAXIMUMS

<u>Number in Household</u>	<u>Weekly Maximum</u>	<u>Monthly Maximum</u>
1	\$ 65.35	\$ 281.00
2	120.00	516.00
3	172.09	740.00
4	218.37	939.00
5	259.53	1,116.00
6	311.40	1,339.00
7	344.19	1,480.00
8	393.26	1,691.00
<b>NOTE:</b> For each additional person add \$211 per month.		

### APPENDIX C - HOUSING MAXIMUMS

<b>Number of Bedrooms</b>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0				
1				
2				
3				
4				
<b>(The applicable figures from Appendix C, <i>once adopted</i>, should be inserted here.)</b>				

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## APPENDIX D - UTILITIES

### ELECTRIC

**NOTE:** For an electrically heated dwelling also see “Heating Fuel” maximums below. But remember, an applicant is *not automatically* entitled to the “maximums” established—applicants must demonstrate need.

1) **Electricity Maximums for Households Without Electric Hot Water:** The maximum amounts allowed for utilities, for lights, cooking and other electric uses *excluding* electric hot water and heat:

<u>Number in Household</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
1	\$19.95	\$ 85.50
2	\$22.52	\$ 96.50
3	\$24.97	\$107.00
4	\$27.53	\$118.00
5	\$29.88	\$128.50
6	\$32.55	\$139.50

**NOTE:** For each additional person add \$10.50 per month.

2) **Electricity Maximums for Households With Electrically Heated Hot Water:** The maximum amounts allowed for utilities, hot water, for lights, cooking and other electric uses *excluding* heat:

<u>Number in Household</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
1	\$29.63	\$127.00
2	\$34.07	\$146.00
3	\$39.67	\$170.00
4	\$46.32	\$198.50
5	\$55.65	\$238.50
6	\$58.68	\$251.50

**NOTE:** For each additional person add \$14.50 per month.

**NOTE:** For electrically heated households, the maximum amount allowed for electrical utilities per month shall be the sum of the appropriate maximum amount under this subsection and the appropriate maximum for heating fuel as provided below.

## APPENDIX E - HEATING FUEL

<u>Month</u>	<u>Gallons</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Gallons</u>
September	50	January	225
October	100	February	225
November	200	March	125
December	200	April	125
		May	50

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**NOTE:** When the dwelling unit is heated electrically, the maximum amount allowed for heating purposes will be calculated by multiplying the number of gallons of fuel allowed for that month by the current price per gallon. When fuels such as wood, coal and/or natural gas are used for heating purposes, they will be budgeted at actual rates, if they are reasonable. No eligible applicant shall be considered to need more than 7 tons of coal per year, 8 cords of wood per year, 126,000 cubic feet of natural gas per year, or 1000 gallons of propane.

**APPENDIX F - PERSONAL CARE & HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES**

<u>Number in Household</u>	<u>Weekly Amount</u>	<u>Monthly Amount</u>
1-2	\$10.50	\$45.00
3-4	\$11.60	\$50.00
5-6	\$12.80	\$55.00
7-8	\$14.00	\$60.00

**NOTE:** For each additional person add \$1.25 per week or \$5.00 per month.

**SUPPLEMENT FOR HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN UNDER 5**

When an applicant can verify expenditures for the following items, a special supplement will be budgeted as necessary for households with children under 5 years of age for items such as cloth or disposable diapers, laundry powder, oil, shampoo, and ointment up to the following amounts:

<u>Number of Children</u>	<u>Weekly Amount</u>	<u>Monthly Amount</u>
1	\$12.80	\$55.00
2	\$17.40	\$75.00
3	\$23.30	\$100.00
4	\$27.90	\$120.00

**Non-Metropolitan FMR Areas**

<b><u>Knox County</u></b>	<b><u>Unheated</u></b>		<b><u>Heated</u></b>	
Bedrooms	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>
0	165	709	193	831
1	157	673	193	831
2	189	811	237	1,017
3	256	1,101	315	1,354
4	263	1,129	335	1,442
<b><u>Lincoln County</u></b>				
	<b><u>Unheated</u></b>		<b><u>Heated</u></b>	
Bedrooms	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>
0	184	790	212	910
1	184	790	215	924
2	221	951	269	1,157
3	276	1,186	335	1,439
4	365	1,570	438	1,883
<b><u>Oxford County</u></b>				
	<b><u>Unheated</u></b>		<b><u>Heated</u></b>	
Bedrooms	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>
0	158	679	186	799
1	158	679	186	799
2	178	766	226	972
3	261	1,123	320	1,376
4	299	1,285	372	1,598
<b><u>Piscataquis County</u></b>				
	<b><u>Unheated</u></b>		<b><u>Heated</u></b>	
Bedrooms	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>
0	125	537	159	685
1	125	539	171	733
2	151	649	210	904
3	206	888	279	1,201
4	246	1,059	336	1,447
<b><u>Somerset County</u></b>				
	<b><u>Unheated</u></b>		<b><u>Heated</u></b>	
Bedrooms	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>
0	144	620	172	740
1	144	620	180	773
2	184	790	232	996
3	243	1,046	302	1,299
4	250	1,074	322	1,387

**Non-Metropolitan FMR Areas**

<b><u>Waldo County</u></b>	<b><u>Unheated</u></b>		<b><u>Heated</u></b>	
Bedrooms	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>
0	194	835	222	955
1	194	835	222	955
2	216	928	264	1,134
3	271	1,164	329	1,417
4	379	1,628	451	1,941

  

<b><u>Washington County</u></b>	<b><u>Unheated</u></b>		<b><u>Heated</u></b>	
Bedrooms	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>
0	144	621	172	741
1	144	621	172	741
2	176	755	224	961
3	221	951	280	1,204
4	233	1,001	306	1,314

**Metropolitan FMR Areas**

<b><u>Bangor HMFA</u></b>	<b><u>Unheated</u></b>		<b><u>Heated</u></b>	
Bedrooms	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>
0	161	691	189	811
1	181	780	218	938
2	231	992	279	1,198
3	288	1,238	347	1,491
4	402	1,729	475	2,042

  

<b><u>Cumberland Cty. HMFA</u></b>	<b><u>Unheated</u></b>		<b><u>Heated</u></b>	
Bedrooms	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>
0	205	881	233	1,001
1	209	900	246	1,058
2	275	1,182	323	1,388
3	369	1,588	428	1,841
4	383	1,649	456	1,962

  

<b><u>Lewiston/Auburn MSA</u></b>	<b><u>Unheated</u></b>		<b><u>Heated</u></b>	
Bedrooms	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>
0	153	660	181	780
1	159	684	196	842
2	203	872	251	1,078
3	267	1,150	326	1,403
4	322	1,386	395	1,699

**Metropolitan FMR Areas**

<b><u>Penobscot Cty. HMFA</u></b>	<b><u>Unheated</u></b>		<b><u>Heated</u></b>	
Bedrooms	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>
0	152	654	180	775
1	152	654	180	775
2	190	816	238	1,022
3	238	1,025	297	1,278
4	251	1,078	323	1,391
<b><u>Portland HMFA</u></b>				
Bedrooms	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>
0	262	1,128	290	1,248
1	300	1,288	336	1,446
2	387	1,666	435	1,872
3	497	2,138	556	2,391
4	608	2,616	681	2,929
<b><u>Sagadahoc Cty. HMFA</u></b>				
Bedrooms	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>
0	172	739	200	859
1	199	856	236	1,014
2	239	1,026	287	1,232
3	319	1,373	378	1,626
4	358	1,538	430	1,851
<b><u>York Cty. HMFA</u></b>				
Bedrooms	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>
0	218	937	246	1,057
1	218	937	248	1,065
2	262	1,128	310	1,334
3	335	1,440	394	1,693
4	382	1,642	455	1,955
<b><u>York/Kittery/S. Berwick HMFA</u></b>				
Bedrooms	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>
0	256	1,102	284	1,222
1	260	1,118	297	1,276
2	342	1,472	390	1,678
3	446	1,917	505	2,170
4	603	2,592	676	2,905

# Appendix A

Effective: 10/01/22-09/30/23

COUNTY	1	2	3	4	5*
<b>York County HMFA:</b> Acton, Alfred, Arundel, Biddeford, Cornish, Dayton, Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, Lebanon, Limerick, Lyman, Newfield, North Berwick, Ogunquit, Parsonsfield, Saco, Sanford, Shapleigh, Waterboro, Wells	1,072	1,082	1,355	1,717	1,984
<b>York/Kittery/S.Berwick HMFA:</b> Berwick, Eliot, Kittery, South Berwick, York	1,237	1,293	1,699	2,194	2,934

\*Note: Add \$75 for each additional person.

## Non-Metropolitan Areas

### Persons in Household

COUNTY	1	2	3	4	5*
<b>Aroostook County</b>	692	754	881	1,185	1,353
<b>Franklin County</b>	728	774	909	1,229	1,566
<b>Hancock County</b>	890	925	1,110	1,397	1,529
<b>Kennebec County</b>	819	835	1,038	1,360	1,451
<b>Knox County</b>	844	848	1,038	1,378	1,471
<b>Lincoln County</b>	925	941	1,178	1,463	1,912
<b>Oxford County</b>	814	815	993	1,400	1,627
<b>Piscataquis County</b>	701	752	926	1,227	1,477
<b>Somerset County</b>	755	790	1,017	1,323	1,416
<b>Waldo County</b>	970	972	1,155	1,441	1,970
<b>Washington County</b>	756	758	982	1,228	1,343

\* Please Note: Add \$75 for each additional person.

[For use when adopting **updated appendices only** without amending the body of an existing GA ordinance]

**MUNICIPALITY OF \_\_\_\_\_**  
**GENERAL ASSISTANCE ORDINANCE**

Pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 4305(1), the municipal officers of the Municipality of \_\_\_\_\_, after notice and hearing, hereby amend the municipal General Assistance Ordinance by repealing and replacing appendices A through G of the existing ordinance with the attached appendices A through G, which shall be in effect from October 1, 202\_\_ through September 30, 202\_\_. This amendment will be filed with the Maine Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 4305(4), and a copy of the ordinance and amended appendices shall be available for public inspection at the municipal office along with a copy of the 22 M.R.S. chapter 1161.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, by the municipal officers:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
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# 2022 GA Housing Maximums

## Recovery Residences

The following Recovery Residence maximums are in effect from 7/1/2022- 9/30/2022

### Non-Metropolitan FMR Areas

<u>Aroostook County</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	117.25	502.50

<u>Franklin County</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	120.75	517.50

<u>Hancock County</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	143.15	613.50

<u>Kennebec County</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	128.10	549.00

<u>Knox County</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	130.73	560.25

<u>Lincoln County</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	145.78	624.75

<u>Oxford County</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	125.65	538.50

<u>Piscataquis County</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	114.10	489.00

<u>Somerset County</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	120.58	516.79

<u>Waldo County</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	151.73	650.25

<u>Washington County</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	116.20	498.00

### Metropolitan FMR Areas

<u>Bangor HMFA</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	148.23	635.25

<u>Cumberland Cty. HMFA</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	168.18	720.75

<u>Lewiston/Auburn MSA</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	131.08	561.75

<u>Penobscot Cty. HMFA</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	121.63	521.25

<u>Portland HMFA</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	225.75	967.50

<u>Sagadahoc Cty. HMFA</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	160.83	689.25

<u>York Cty. HMFA</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	169.40	726.00

<u>York/Kittery/S Berwick HMFA</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	204.40	876.00

# 2022-2023 GA Housing Maximums Recovery Residences

The following Recovery Residence maximums are in effect from 10/1/2022- 9/30/2023

## Non-Metropolitan FMR Areas

<u>Aroostook County</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	128.63	551.25

<u>Franklin County</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	132.13	566.25

<u>Hancock County</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	158.90	681.00

<u>Kennebec County</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	143.15	613.50

<u>Knox County</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	145.43	623.25

<u>Lincoln County</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	161.70	693.00

<u>Oxford County</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	139.83	599.25

<u>Piscataquis County</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	128.28	549.75

<u>Somerset County</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	135.28	579.75

<u>Waldo County</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	167.13	716.25

<u>Washington County</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	129.68	555.75

## Metropolitan FMR Areas

<u>Bangor HMFA</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	164.15	703.50

<u>Cumberland Cty. HMFA</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	185.15	793.50

<u>Lewiston/Auburn MSA</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	147.35	631.50

<u>Penobscot Cty. HMFA</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	135.63	581.25

<u>Portland HMFA</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	253.05	1084.50

<u>Sagadahoc Cty. HMFA</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	177.45	760.50

<u>York Cty. HMFA</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	186.38	798.75

<u>York/Kittery/Sherburne HMFA</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	223.30	957.00

**Updated for July 2022**

<b>SNAP STANDARDS</b>										
NUMBER IN HH		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	ADD
GROSS 200%	Jul. 2022	2,265	3,052	3,839	4,625	5,412	6,199	6,985	7,772	787
GROSS 165%	Oct. 2021	1,771	2,396	3,020	3,644	4,268	4,893	5,517	6,141	625
GROSS 130%	Oct. 2021	1,396	1,888	2,379	2,871	3,363	3,855	4,347	4,839	492
NET 100%	Oct. 2021	1,074	1,452	1,830	2,209	2,587	2,965	3,344	3,722	379
MAX	Oct. 2021	250	459	658	835	992	1,190	1,316	1,504	188
<b>SNAP DEDUCTIONS</b>										
HH of 1-3 Standard Deductions	Oct. 2021	177	<b>Full Standard (FSUA)</b>					Mar. 2022		886
HH of 4		184	<b>Non-Heat Utility (NHUA)</b>					Mar. 2022		299
HH of 5		215	<b>Telephone Only (PHUA)</b>					Mar. 2022		51
HH of 6 or More		246	<b>2021 MAINE STATE Minimum Wage</b>							12.15
SHELTER CAP	Oct. 2021	597	<b>2022 MAINE STATE Minimum Wage</b>							12.75
HOMELESS SHELTER	Oct. 2021	159.73	<b>FEDERAL Minimum Wage</b>					July 24, 2009		7.25
<b>CATEGORICALLY ELIGIBLE 1-2 MEMBER HH MINIMUM BENEFIT</b>									Oct. 2021	20
<b>NON-CATEGORICAL ASSET TEST FOR FEDERALLY FUNDED SNAP (effective Jan 1, 2022)</b>										
No HH members disabled/60+ years old			2,500	HH includes members disabled/60+ years old					3,750	
<i>Per SNAP 333-1, households that qualify as Categorically Eligible have no asset limit.</i>										
<b>HOPE</b>										
GROSS 185%		2,096	2,823	3,551	4,279	5,006	5,734	6,462	7,189	728
<b>TANF STANDARDS effective October 1, 2021 - ALTERNATIVE AID STANDARDS effective January 1, 2022</b>										
<b>ADULT INCLUDED – BASIC</b>										
NUMBER IN HH		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	ADD
<b>ALT AID 133%</b>	Jan. 2022	1,507	2,030	2,553	3,076	3,599	4,122	4,646	5,169	524
STANDARD OF NEED		362	569	763	960	1,153	1,348	1,544	1,740	195
BASIC MAX GRANT		298	469	628	791	948	1,108	1,270	1,431	160
<b>ADULT INCLUDED – SPECIAL NEED</b>										
SN STANDARD OF NEED		662	869	1,063	1,260	1,453	1,648	1,844	2,040	195
SN MAX GRANT		598	769	928	1,091	1,248	1,408	1,570	1,731	160
<b>GAP</b>										
MAXIMUM GAP		64	100	135	169	205	240	274	309	35
<b>CHILD ONLY - BASIC</b>										
NUMBER IN HH		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	ADD
STANDARD OF NEED		214	409	605	798	995	1,190	1,385	1,579	195
BASIC MAX GRANT		178	339	500	657	820	979	1,140	1,299	160
<b>CHILD ONLY - SPECIAL NEED</b>										
SN STANDARD OF NEED		514	709	905	1,098	1,295	1,490	1,685	1,879	195
SN MAX GRANT		478	639	800	957	1,120	1,279	1,440	1,599	160
<b>GAP</b>										
MAXIMUM GAP		36	70	105	141	175	211	245	280	35
<b>STANDARD EARNINGS DISREGARD</b>					108 and 1/2 the Remainder					
<b>STEP DISREGARD, Step 1 (Months 1-3) see Chapter IV</b>					100% of Earned Income					
<b>STEP DISREGARD, Step 2 (Months 4-6) see Chapter IV</b>					75% of Earned Income					
<b>CHILD CARE CAP UNDER 2</b>					200.00					
<b>CHILD CARE CAP 2 AND OVER</b>					175.00					