## Stephanie Nishio

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Stephanie,

Here is the follow-up info I promised. Feel free to let me know if you need anything else.

**dependent care deduction:** Food stamp households can deduct actual costs that they pay for child or other dependent care. [MPP § 63-502.34; 7 C.F.R. §§ <u>273.9(d)(4)</u>, <u>273.10(e)(1)(i)(E)</u>.] The care must be necessary for a household member to accept or continue work, comply with the requirements of the <u>Food Stamp Employment and Training (FSET)</u> program, or attend training or education that prepares the person for work. See ACL below on self-declaring these costs.

State Guidance on Dependent Care Expenses, including self-certification: <a href="http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/lettersnotices/EntRes/getinfo/acl/2013/13-102.pdf">http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/lettersnotices/EntRes/getinfo/acl/2013/13-102.pdf</a>

Medical Deduction questions:

- (1) Can travel cost for Medi-Cal purposes be deducted? Yes, reasonable transportation and lodging expenses needed to obtain medical treatment.
- (2) Can the cost of procedures outside of the United States be deducted? This is more complicated than yes or no and depends on factors such as whether the person has health coverage here in the states. You can get more detailed information here: http://foodstampguide.org/115-2/

As mentioned on the call, there is no cap on the Medical or dependent care deduction.

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