**Section 590.660 Increased Costs**

Increased costs are expenses for food, housing, and clothing that exceed a customer's normal living expenses. These increased costs are due to the customer's participation in an assessment for determining eligibility and VR services provided under an IPE.

a) DHS-DRS will not pay for normal living expenses and shall only pay for increased costs.

b) The following normal living expense standards for food and housing shall be utilized:

1) The standard for housing shall not exceed the DHS TANF payment level for one adult (see 89 Ill. Adm. Code 112, Subpart H).

2) The standard for food shall not exceed the DHS SNAP benefit amount for a family of one (see 89 Ill. Adm. Code 121.64) or the customer's actual normal food expense prior to service, whichever is greater.

3) The standard for clothing is defined in Section 590.670(a).

c) Customer payments toward normal living expenses shall not be counted toward any customer financial participation amount determined by 89 Ill. Adm. Code 562.40 (Financial Participation).

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