year 2014-15 is the amount that is the greater of:

(1) Ninety percent of 110% of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development fair market rent for federal fiscal year 2014; or

(2) The amount achieved by increasing the maximum level of assistance for fiscal year 2013-14 by 90% of the increase in the federal poverty level from 2013 to 2014. (22 M.R.S.A. § 4305 3-D)

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 adopt the ordinance and/or Appendices ***after notice and hearing***. 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 either in its posted form or as amended in light of public discussion.

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. *(For a copy of the GA model ordinance, please call MMA's Publication Department, or visit their web site www.memun.org)*. In addition, any changes or amendments, such as new Appendices, must also be submitted to DHHS. DHHS will accept the enclosed "adoption sheet" as proof that a municipality has adopted the current GA maximums. This signed form may be scanned and emailed to generalassistance.DHHS@maine.gov; faxed to Robin Reed at 287-3455; or sent by US mail to: DHHS/General Assistance, 19 Union Street, 11State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333.

Attachments:

2014-15 GA Maximums - Appendix A.doc	69.5 KB
ADOPTION FORM for appendices A.DOC	26.5 KB
SUMMARY SHEET.doc	44.0 KB

TO: Municipal Officials/Welfare Directors/General Assistance Administrators

FROM: Dave MacLean, General Assistance Program Manager

RE: 2014 – 2015 General Assistance Ordinance Maximums

DATE: June 19, 2014

Enclosed please find the following items:

- MMA's new (July 1, 2014–June 30, 2015) "**General Assistance Ordinance Appendix"** (A).
- **"GA Maximums Summary Sheet"** which consolidates GA maximums into one document. Municipalities do have to insert individual locality maximums from Appendix A and C in the summary sheet where indicated in order to complete the information. The "summary" does not have to be adopted, as it is not an Appendix but a tool for municipal officials administering GA.
- **"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.

Appendix A

The enclosed Appendix A has been revised for your municipality's General Assistance Ordinance. These new Appendices, **once adopted**, should replace the existing Appendix A dated July1, 2013–June 30, 2014. Even if you have already adopted MMA's model General Assistance Ordinance, **the municipal officers must approve/adopt the new Appendices yearly.** The various maximum levels of General Assistance set forth in Appendices A is the aggregate maximum level of assistance for fiscal

GENERAL ASSISTANCE ORDINANCE
APPENDICES A
2014-2015

The Municipality of Raymond adopts the MMA Model Ordinance GA Appendices A for the period of July 1, 2014 — June 30, 2015. These appendices are filed with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in compliance with Title 22 M.R.S.A. §4305(4).

Signed the _____ (day) of _____ (month)_____ (year) by the municipal officers:

_____	_____
(Print Name)	(Signature)
_____	_____
(Print Name)	(Signature)
_____	_____
(Print Name)	(Signature)
_____	_____
(Print Name)	(Signature)
_____	_____
(Print Name)	(Signature)
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(Print Name)	(Signature)

GA Overall Maximums

Metropolitan Areas

COUNTY	Persons in Household 1	2	3	4	5*
Bangor HMFA: Bangor, Brewer, Eddington, Glenburn, Hampden, Hermon, Holden, Kenduskeag, Milford, Old Town, Orono, Orrington, Penobscot Indian Island Reservation, Veazie	603	725	874	1,096	1,261
Penobscot County HMFA: 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	585	585	699	942	1,089
Lewiston/Auburn MSA: Auburn, Durham, Greene, Leeds, Lewiston, Lisbon, Livermore, Livermore Falls, Mechanic Falls, Minot, Poland, Sabattus, Turner, Wales	537	635	829	1,044	1,107
Portland HMFA: 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	762	901	1,163	1,463	1,565
York/Kittery/S.Berwick HMFA: Berwick, Eliot, Kittery, South Berwick, York	950	952	1,138	1,656	1,801
Cumberland County HMFA: Baldwin, Bridgton, Brunswick, Harpswell, Harrison, Naples, New Gloucester, Pownal, Sebago	633	742	954	1,260	1,501

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COUNTY	1	2	3	4	5*
Sagadahoc HMFA: Arrowsic, Bath, Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, Georgetown, Perkins UT, Phippsburg, Richmond, Topsham, West Bath, Woolwich	753	751	899	1,131	1,551
York County HMFA: Acton, Alfred, Arundel, Biddeford, Cornish, Dayton, Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, Lebanon, Limerick, Lyman, Newfield, North Berwick, Ogunquit, Parsonsfield, Saco, Sanford, Shapleigh, Waterboro, Wells	689	714	903	1,206	1,248

***Note: Add $69 for each additional person.**

Non-Metropolitan Areas

Persons in Household

COUNTY	1	2	3	4	5*
Aroostook County	514	547	653	851	941
Franklin County	564	593	720	867	1,232
Hancock County	603	693	854	1,130	1,161
Kennebec County	517	598	764	964	1,027
Knox County	709	719	877	1,124	1,275
Lincoln County	660	727	916	1,140	1,223
Oxford County	551	610	735	992	1,284
Piscataquis County	573	651	802	1,016	1,086
Somerset County	582	608	724	985	1,001
Waldo County	643	687	826	1,027	1,091
Washington County	552	593	707	874	1,058

*** Please Note: Add $69 for each additional person.**

Appendix A
Effective: 07/01/13-06/30/14
OLD Amounts

GA Overall Maximums

Metropolitan Areas

COUNTY	Persons in Household 1	2	3	4	5*
Bangor HMFA: Bangor, Brewer, Eddington, Glenburn, Hampden, Hermon, Holden, Kenduskeag, Milford, Old Town, Orono, Orrington, Penobscot Indian Island Reservation, Veazie	579	669	845	1,061	1,223
Penobscot County HMFA: 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	576	576	690	874	1,056
Lewiston/Auburn MSA: Auburn, Durham, Greene, Leeds, Lewiston, Lisbon, Livermore, Livermore Falls, Mechanic Falls, Minot, Poland, Sabattus, Turner, Wales	529	626	818	1,031	1,094
Portland HMFA: 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	750	888	1,148	1,444	1,546
York/Kittery/S.Berwick HMFA: Berwick, Eliot, Kittery, South Berwick, York	936	939	1,123	1,635	1,779
Cumberland County HMFA: Baldwin, Bridgton, Brunswick, Harpswell, Harrison, Naples, New Gloucester, Pownal, Sebago	623	731	941	1,244	1,483

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