

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Annual adjustments were made to the income limits found in 8.102.500 NMAC and 8.106.500 NMAC. Each year the Department is required to update the income and resource eligibility standards as well as the deduction amounts available to otherwise eligible households. These amounts are determined by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Food and Nutrition Services (FNS). The Department received notification of the adjusted amounts on August 16, 2021 and made the adjustments effective for benefit month October 2021 for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022 to comply with federal law and regulations. The Department is also amending 8.100.130 NMAC, 8.102.410 NMAC and 8.106.410 NMAC for SNAP and Cash to align the Federal Regulations surrounding felon status and the eligibility of certain convicted felons. In addition, the Department is clarifying dependent care expenses in relation to SNAP found in 8.139.520 NMAC and adding lottery and gambling winnings to 8.139.120 NMAC as a reportable change.

A public hearing to receive public comment on this proposed rule, pursuant to Section 14-4-5.6 NMSA 1978, will be held on Thursday, February 10, 2022 from 9:00am-10:00am. The hearing will be held virtually through GoTo Meeting at this link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/236361669> . If you prefer to join via phone you may call +1 (646) 749-3122, Access Code: 236-361-669. You may provide written comment during the scheduled public hearing by dropping it off at the HSD Administrative Services Division (ASD) conference room, 1474 Rodeo Road, Santa Fe, NM 87505; this drop off site will be for written comment only. The conference room is located on the first floor in the ASD Rodeo Building.

The Human Services Register Vol. 44 No. 36 outlining the proposed regulations are available on the HSD's website at: <http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/LookingForInformation/income-support-division-registers.aspx>. Individuals wishing to testify or to request a copy of the proposed regulation should contact the Income Support Division, P.O. Box 2348, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2348, or by calling 505-670-1791.

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Individuals who do not wish to attend the hearing may submit written or recorded comments. Written or recorded comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on the date of the hearing, Thursday, February 10, 2022. The agency shall post all written comments on its website, if one exists, as soon as practicable and no more than 3 business days following receipt to allow for public review. All written comments received by the agency shall also be available for public inspection at the main office of the agency. Please send comments to:

Human Services Department  
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