

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Human Services Department (HSD) through Income Support Division (ISD) is proposing to amend/update rule 8.139.410.14 New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC) Requirements For Able Bodied Adults. Changes in the rule are to update language, incorporate standardized rule language, correcting citation format.

Specifically, the changes include:

8.139.410.14 NMAC:

* Added the following language:

A. The age limit standards for individuals who are subject to the ABAWD work requirement.

<u>Age Limit</u>	<u>Date ends</u>
<u>18-49</u>	<u>September 5, 2023</u>
<u>18-50</u>	<u>September 30, 2023</u>
<u>18-52</u>	<u>September 30, 2024</u>
<u>18-54</u>	<u>September 30, 2025</u>

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* Added the following language to F:

- (3) Individuals who are homeless as outlined at Subsection A of 8.139.100.7 NMAC.
- (4) Individuals who are Veterans.
- (5) Individuals 24 years of age or younger who were in foster care under the responsibility of the state through the maximum age permitted by the state.

Regulations issued pursuant to the act are contained in 7 CFR 270-282. State Authority for administering the food stamp program is contained in Chapter 27 NMSA, 1978. Administration of the Human Services Department (HSD), including its authority to promulgate regulations, is governed by Chapter 9, Article 8, NMSA 1978 (Repl. 1983).

A hybrid hearing to receive testimony on this proposed rule will be held pursuant to Section 14-4-5.6 NMSA 1978, which will be held on September 15, 2023, 11:00 a.m-12:00 p.m.

You may join in person: HSD Administrative Services Division (ASD) conference room, 1474 Rodeo Road, Santa Fe, NM 87505

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All Written comment may be dropped off during the scheduled hearing time at the HSD Administrative Services Division (ASD) conference room, 1474 Rodeo Road, Santa Fe, NM 87505.

Individuals wishing to testify may contact the Income Support Division (ISD), P.O. Box 2348, Santa Fe, NM 87504-2348, or by calling 505-629-8725. This register and the proposed changes are available on the HSD website at Income Support Division Registers | New Mexico Human Services Department state.nm.us). If you do not have internet access, a copy of the proposed rules may be requested by contacting the Income Support Department P.O. Box 2348, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2348 or by calling 505-629-8725.

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Disabilities Act Coordinator, at Office-505-709-5468, Fax-505-827-6286 or through the New Mexico Relay system, toll free at #711. The Department requests at least a 10-day advance notice to provide requested alternative formats and special accommodations.

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, September 15, 2023. Please send comments to: Human Services Department P.O. Box 2348 Santa Fe, NM 87504-2348.

Recorded comments may be left at (505) 629-8725. You may send comments electronically to: HSD-isdrules@hsd.nm.gov. Written and recorded comments will be posted to the agency's website within 3 days of receipt. All comments will be given the same consideration as oral testimony made at the public hearing.