

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Each year the Department is required to update the SNAP, NMW, Education Works Program, and General Assistance Programs income limits for participation, resource eligibility standards and 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 3, 2023, and made the adjustments effective for benefit month October 2023 for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2024 to comply with federal law and regulations.

HSD is proposing amendments to update annual adjustments to the income limits found in 8.102.500 NMAC and 8.106.500 NMAC and to update language for the Elderly and Disabled State SNAP supplement amount which can be found in 8.139.502.9 NMAC. The language change allows for the Department to issue the supplement amount based on the federal minimum SNAP monthly benefit, and the amount budgeted by the State for the Supplement as well as available funding. The amount of the state supplement is determined by the Departments Operating Budget that is determined every State Fiscal Year (SFY).

A hybrid public hearing to receive testimony on this proposed rule will be held, pursuant to Section 14-4-5.6 NMSA 1978, on Friday, December 22, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. You may join in person, virtually, or by phone.

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HSD Administrative Services (ASD) conference room, 1474 Rodeo Road, Santa Fe, NM 87505.

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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 if the individual wishes to provide written comment during the scheduled hearing. All written comments will be posted on the agency website within 3 days of receipt.

Individuals wishing to testify may contact the Income Support Division (ISD), P.O. Box 2348, Santa Fe, NM 87504-2348, or by calling 505-469-9569.

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, December 22, 2023. Please send comments to:

Human Services Department
P.O. Box 2348
Santa Fe, NM 87504-2348

Recorded comments may be left at (505) 469-9569. You may send comments electronically to: HSD-isdrules@hsd.nm.gov. Written and recorded comments will be given the same consideration as oral testimony made at the public hearing.

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