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I. DEPARTMENT

Human Services Department

II. SUBJECT

Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) Program State Plan

III. PROGRAMS AFFECTED

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

IV. ACTION

Proposed State Plan

V. BACKGROUND

The Human Service Department is required by Federal Law to file a State Plan that describes how the Department will administer the State's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). The State Plan must be submitted every year to the United States Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF). The Department is required to offer a 30-day comment period and conduct a public hearing for the LIHEAP State Plan that includes Weatherization prior to submittal.

VI. PROPOSED REPORT

The Department proposes the New Mexico LIHEAP State Plan covering the period of October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2024. All comments received will be considered for the New Mexico LIHEAP State Plan.

The proposed State Plan is available on and can be printed from the Department's website at: http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/LookingForInformation/income-support-division-plans-and- reports.aspx. A copy of the proposed LIHEAP State Plan is available in written format upon request. Please call the Income Support Division/LIHEAP unit at (505) 709-5391 to request a copy. You may also send a request to:

> Human Services Department Income Support Division Attn: Work and Family Support Bureau/LIHEAP PO Box 2348 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2348

If you are a person with a disability and you require this information in an alternative format, or you require a special accommodation to participate in any HSD public hearing, program, or service, please contact the American Disabilities Act Coordinator, through the office of General Counsel at 505-827-7701 or through the New Mexico Relay system, at 1-800-659-1779. The Department requests at least a 10-day advance notice to provide requested alternative formats and special accommodations.

VII. EFFECTIVE DATE

Federal Fiscal Year 2024

VIII. PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing to receive comments on this proposed plan will be held on September 1, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The hearing will be held at 39-B Plaza La Prensa, Santa Fe, NM 87507.

IX. ADDRESS

Interested persons may address written or recorded comments to:

Human Services Department Attn: CSBG Program Manager P.O. Box 2348 Santa Fe, NM 87504-2348

Interested persons may also address comments via electronic mail to: <u>HSD-isdrules@hsd.nm.gov</u>.

Comments will be posted on the HSD website within 3 days of receipt.

X. PUBLICATION

Publication of this report approved on by:

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