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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Each year there is a requirement 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 Authority received notification of the adjusted amounts on August 13, 2024, and made the adjustments effective for benefit month October 2024 for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2025 to comply with federal law and regulations.

The Health Care Authority (HCA) through Income Support Division (ISD) is proposing amendments to update annual adjustments to the income limits found in 8.102.500 NMAC and 8.106.500 NMAC and to increase the gross monthly income Federal Poverty Limit (FPL) from 165% to 200%. This increase applies to eligible SNAP cases based on Broad Based Catergorial Eligibility (BBCE) policy found in 8.139.100 NMAC; 8.139.120 NMAC; 8.139.420 NMAC. The Authority is also proposing amendments to 8.106.631 Heat and Eat Program to update FPL language from 165% to 200%.

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, January 10, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. You may join in person, virtually, or by phone.

You may join in person at:

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

You may join virtually from your computer, tablet or smartphone: Microsoft Teams Join the meeting now Meeting ID: 267 090 256 519 Passcode: H2xX3v

You may join by phone:

+1 505-312-4308,,646365616# United States, Albuquerque Find a local number Phone conference ID: 646 365 616#

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Written comment may be dropped off during the scheduled hearing time at the HCA 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) 670-1791.

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, January 10, 2025. Please send comments to:

Income Support Division P.O. Box 2348 Santa Fe, NM 87504-2348 Recorded comments may be left at (505) 670-1791. You may send comments electronically to: HCA-isdrules@hca.nm.gov. Written and recorded comments will be given the same consideration as oral testimony made at the public hearing.