

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT

The United States Department of Health and Human Services requires the New Mexico Human Services Department to meet certain Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) work participation requirements. To assist in meeting these requirements, federal regulations (45 CFR 261.40) allow New Mexico to decrease its work participation rate percentage by the number of percentage points that the FY 2023 caseload fell in comparison to the FY 2005 caseload. This is termed the TANF Caseload Reduction Credit. The total Federal expenditures and Maintenance of Effort (MOE) expenditures that are included in this report are subject to change due to fluctuations during year end budget close out and increases in MOE funding.

The estimated changes and corresponding methodologies are reported in the proposed TANF Caseload Reduction Credit Report which is available on the Human Services Department website at: <http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/LookingForInformation/income-support-division-plans-and-reports.aspx>. If you do not have Internet access, a copy of the proposed report may be requested by contacting Paula Garcia with the Income Support Division's Budget Bureau at paula.garcia@hsd.nm.gov or (505) 699-3457.

If you are a person with a disability and you require this information in an alternative format, please contact the American Disabilities Act Coordinator at (505) 827-7701 or through the New Mexico Relay system at 711 or toll free at 1-800-659-1779. The Department requests at least 10 days advance notice to provide the requested alternative formats.

The proposed comment period will begin at 8:00 a.m. on January 16, 2024, and end at 4:00 p.m. on February 15, 2024. Individuals wishing to comment on the TANF Caseload Reduction Credit Report should contact Paula Garcia with the Human Services Department, Income Support Division, Budget Bureau by email paula.garcia@hsd.nm.gov. Written comments will be posted to the agency's website within 3 days of receipt.

Interested persons may address written or recorded comments to:

Human Services Department
Income Support Division
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Interested persons may also address comments via electronic mail to:
HSD-isdrules@state.nm.us.