



State of New Mexico Health Care Authority **Register**

I. DEPARTMENT

NEW MEXICO HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

II. SUBJECT

2026 PROPOSED CASELOAD REDUCTION CREDIT REPORT

III. PROGRAM AFFECTED

TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF)

IV. ACTION

PROPOSED TANF CASELOAD REDUCTION CREDIT REPORT

V. BACKGROUND SUMMARY

The United States Department of Health and Human Services requires the New Mexico Health Care Authority 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 Federal Fiscal Year 2025 caseload fell in comparison to the Federal Fiscal Year 2015 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.

VI. PROPOSED REPORT

The estimated changes and corresponding methodologies are reported in the proposed TANF Caseload Reduction Credit Report which is available on the Health Care Authority website at: <https://www.hca.nm.gov/lookingforinformation/income-support-division-registers-2/>. If you do not have Internet access, a copy of the report may be requested by HCA Income Support Division's Financial Services Bureau at 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 a 10-day notice in advance to provide requested alternative formats.

VII. EFFECTIVE DATE

Federal Fiscal Year 2026

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The proposed comment period will begin at 8:00 a.m. on November 6, 2025 and end at 4:00 p.m. on December 5, 2025. Individuals wishing to comment on the TANF Caseload Reduction Credit report should contact the Health Care Authority, Income Support Division, Financial Services Bureau, P.O. Box 2348, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87504-2348, or by calling (505) 669-3457.

IX. PUBLICATION

Publication of this report is approved by:

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