



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

I. DEPARTMENT

NEW MEXICO HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

II. SUBJECT

2026 CASELOAD REDUCTION CREDIT REPORT

III. PROGRAM AFFECTED

TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF)

IV. ACTION

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 FY 2026 caseload fell in comparison to the FY 2015 caseload. This is termed the TANF Caseload Reduction Credit.

VI. FINAL REPORT

The final TANF Caseload Reduction Credit Report 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 contacting Paula Garcia, HCA Income Support Division's Budget Bureau Chief at paula.garcia@hca.nm.gov.

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 advance notice to provide requested alternative formats.

VII. EFFECTIVE DATE

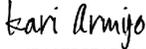
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VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The department offered a comment period which began at 8:00 a.m. on November 18, 2025, and ended at 5:00 p.m. on December 19, 2025. No comments were received.

IX. PUBLICATION

Publication of this report is approved by:

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