



HEALTH CARE
AUTHORITY

STATE OF NEW MEXICO HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY REGISTER

I. DEPARTMENT

NEW MEXICO HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY (HCA)

II. SUBJECT

ANNUAL ADJUSTMENTS TO INCOME LIMITS
BROAD BASED CATEGORICAL ELIGIBILITY-
FEDERAL POVERTY LIMIT

III. PROGRAMS AFFECTED

NEW MEXICO WORKS (NMW)-CASH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
SUPPORT SERVICES
EDUCATION WORKS PROGRAM
GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS
STATE FUNDED ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS
SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)

IV. ACTION

FINAL RULE

V. BACKGROUND

The Healthcare Authority Income Support Division is finalizing and adopting regulations for the Cash Assistance and SNAP program, implementing annual adjustments to income limits as outlined in 8.102.500 NMAC and 8.106.500 NMAC. Each year, the HCA is required to update income and resource eligibility standards, along with available deduction amounts for eligible households. These adjustments are determined by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS)).

Also being finalized and adopted are the regulations to increase gross monthly income from 165% to 200% Federal Poverty Limit (FPL) for eligible SNAP cases based on Broad Based Categorical Eligibility (BBCE). This change aligns with Governor Michelle Lujan

Grisham's Hunger Initiative in New Mexico, aimed at combating hunger. 8.139.100 NMAC; 8.139.120 NMAC; 8.139.400 NMAC; 8.139.420 NMAC; and 8.106.631 NMAC.

VI. CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Regulations issued pursuant to the act are contained in 45 CFR Parts 200-299. Administration of the Health Care Authority (HCA), including its authority to promulgate regulations, is governed by Chapter 9, Article 8, NMSA 1978 (Repl. 1983).

The Income Support Division through the Health Care Authority promulgated these rules to adjust the annual income limits as an emergency rule effective October 1, 2024, which did not permanently amend or repeal the existing rule. This rule change is finalizing and making the rule permanent following an emergency implementation.

This Register addresses comments received regarding the proposed rule. A public hearing was held January 10, 2025, where there were no attendees. The Health Care Authority received no comment, written or verbal.

VI. PUBLICATION DATE

February 25, 2025

VII. Effective DATE:

March 1, 2025

VIII. PUBLICATION

Publication of this rule approved by:

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