



STATE OF NEW MEXICO
HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT
HUMAN SERVICES REGISTER

I. DEPARTMENT

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II. SUBJECT

NEW MEXICO EXTRA HELP SUPPLEMENTAL
NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)

III. PROGRAMS AFFECTED

EXTRA HELP SNAP

IV. ACTION

FINAL RULE

V. BACKGROUND

The Department has reduced the Extra Help SNAP benefit amounts based on the most current cost neutrality calculation as established by the Food and Nutrition Services, United States Department of Agriculture. This amount is subject to review annually.

A hearing was held to receive public comment on August 30, 2012. No one attended the hearing and one written comments was received. The noted the upper limit of \$800 was not included in the income determination for a single household. The Department agreed and has modified the language to include the upper limit.

X. EFFECTIVE DATE

October 1, 2012

X. PUBLICATION

Publication of these final regulations approved on Sept 14, 2012 by:

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This is an amendment to 8.139.504 NMAC, Section 11, effective October 1, 2012.

8.139.504.11 BENEFIT DELIVERY

A. Benefit issuance: NM Extra Help SNAP benefits shall be issued through a direct deposit into a household's electronic benefit transfer (EBT) food stamp account. EBT cards are issued and EBT accounts maintained as defined at 8.139.610 NMAC. A participating household has a definite issuance date so that food stamp benefits are received on or about the same time each month. The issuance date is based on the last two digits of the social security number of the individual to whom the food stamps are issued. Benefits for the month of application shall not be prorated.

B. Eligibility determination: Eligibility is based on adjusted net income (ANI) which equals the countable gross income minus the appropriate standard deduction, minus the total combined shelter cost, and minus the medical deduction. To be eligible for NM Extra Help SNAP, the applicant household's ANI must be below the appropriate net income level in accordance with 8.139.500 NMAC.

C. Benefit calculation: Benefits are issued based on adjusted income (AI) and the shelter to income ratio (STIR). AI is equal to the gross countable income minus total medical expenses. The STIR is equal to the total shelter costs divided by the AI. Benefit amounts shall be subject to review and adjustment in coordination with the regular food stamp program and cost neutrality and may be adjusted each January.

(1) Benefits for a two person household:

(a) The monthly benefit amount for a two person household with a monthly AI of less than \$900.00 is \$240.00.

(b) The monthly benefit amount for a two person household with a monthly STIR equal to or greater than 0.9 is \$240.00.

(c) The monthly benefit amount for a two person household with a monthly AI equal to or greater than \$900.00 but less than \$1,500.00 and a STIR equal to or greater than 0.8 and less than 0.9 is \$180.00.

(d) The monthly benefit amount for a two person household with a monthly AI equal to or greater than \$900.00 but less than \$1,500.00 and a STIR equal to or greater than 0.25 but less than 0.8 is \$75.00.

(e) The monthly benefit amount for a two person household with a monthly AI equal to or greater than \$1,500 but less than \$1,800.00 and a STIR equal to or greater than 0.25 is \$75.00.

(f) The monthly benefit amount for a two person household with a monthly AI equal to or greater than \$900.00 but less than \$1,500.00 and a STIR less than 0.25 is \$16.00.

(g) The monthly benefit amount for a two person household with a monthly AI equal to or greater than \$1,800.00 and a STIR less than 0.25 is \$16.00.

(2) Benefits for a one person household:

(a) The monthly benefit amount for a one person household with an AI less than \$500.00 is \$180.00.

(b) ~~[The monthly benefit amount for a one person household with a STIR equal to or greater than 0.85 is \$180.00.]~~ The monthly benefit amount for a one person household with an AI of between \$500.00 and \$800.00 and a STIR of 0.85 or less is \$75.00.

(c) ~~[The monthly benefit amount for a one person household with an AI equal to or greater than \$500.00 and a STIR equal to or greater than 0.65 but less than 0.85 is \$75.00.]~~ The monthly benefit amount for a one person household with an AI of between \$500.00 and \$800.00 and a STIR greater than 0.85 is \$180.00.

(d) The monthly benefit amount for a one person household with an AI greater than \$800.00 and a STIR of 0.65 or more is \$75.00.

~~[(d)]~~ (e) The monthly benefit amount for a one person household with an AI ~~[equal to or]~~ greater than ~~[\$500.00]~~ \$800.00 and a STIR less than 0.65 is \$16.00.

D. Benefit correction: Benefit corrections shall be determined and adjusted as defined at 8.139.640 NMAC.

[8.139.504.11 NMAC - N, 08/01/2011; A, 07/01/2012; A, 10/01/2012]