



General Information Memorandum

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TO: ISD Employees
FROM: Marilyn Martinez, Acting Director, Income Support Division
RE: ARRA mass change fair hearings
DATE: November 12, 2013

Effective November 1, 2013, SNAP benefits are changing because increased benefits provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) are going to expire. This change may result in a large number of Fair Hearing requests when SNAP benefits are reduced.

Each of these fair hearing requests will be acknowledged and each request shall be reviewed to determine the actual cause of the reduction in SNAP or NMCAP benefits. If it is determined to solely be due to the ARRA mass change, please use the following language on the summary of evidence:

In agreement with Federal and state regulations benefits may change each year in October or January or both. A fair hearing is not available, and benefits are not continued when automatic benefits adjustments are required by federal or state law unless the specific, express basis for the hearing request is incorrect benefit calculations (8.100.180.15 NMAC).

This will help to identify and clarify to the Fair Hearings Bureau that the hearing is due to the mass change.

This form has been posted to the forms drive: \\disfasv025\ISDForms

If you have questions regarding this GI, please contact Richard McIntyre at (505)827-3142 or by e-mail at Richard.McIntyre@state.nm.us.