



State of New Mexico Human Services Department **Human Services Register**



I. DEPARTMENT

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

II. SUBJECT

ANNUAL STATE PLAN PUBLIC COMMENTS,
ANNUAL ADJUSTMENTS TO FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES

III. PROGRAMS AFFECTED

LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)

IV. ACTION

FINAL REGULATIONS FOR FFY 2012

V. BACKGROUND

Federal LIHEAP statute requires Human Services Department (HSD) to seek public comments with regards to the administration of LIHEAP. Each year the Human Services Department (HSD) submits a plan for the administration of LIHEAP for the new federal fiscal year including any adjustments to the LIHEAP income guidelines as required by statute.

A public hearing was scheduled on September 6, 2011 to take comments on the ongoing administration of LIHEAP and any required income changes. No one attended the hearing. No written or recorded comments were received.

VI. FINAL REGULATIONS

The HSD will administer LIHEAP for FFY 2012 with federal poverty guideline changes. The adjusted LIHEAP Income and Points Guideline for FFY 2012 is included with this Register. The LIHEAP State Plan for FFY 2012 and New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC) regarding LIHEAP can be viewed on the HSD website at <http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/isd/>. If you do not have internet access, a copy of the LIHEAP plan and NMAC rules may be requested by contacting the Income Support Division Work and Family Support Bureau at 1 (888) 523-0051.

VII. EFFECTIVE DATE

The Department will implement these regulations effective October 1, 2011.

VIII. PUBLICATION

Publication of these regulations approved on 9/30/11 by:

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HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

NM LIHEAP Income/Points Guide FFY 2012

October 2011 - September 2012

Household Eligibility

- Heating or Cooling Expense
- Reside in New Mexico
- US Citizenship or Qualified Immigrant
- ID
- Social Security Number
- Income no more than 150% of Poverty

Income Eligibility - 150% of Poverty

Household Size	Monthly	Annual
1	\$ 1,362	\$ 16,335
2	\$ 1,839	\$ 22,065
3	\$ 2,317	\$ 27,795
4	\$ 2,794	\$ 33,525
5	\$ 3,272	\$ 39,255
6	\$ 3,749	\$ 44,985
7	\$ 4,227	\$ 50,715
8	\$ 4,704	\$ 56,445
Each +	\$ 478	\$ 5,730

Benefit Points

A - Energy

Highest Energy Bill divided by income

16% or greater	-----	3 Points
11% - 15%	-----	2 Points
6% - 10%	-----	1 Point
5% <	-----	0 Points
Propane additional		2 Points
Energy Standard Allowance \$175		

C - Vulnerable Members

Points given per group

Age 5 or younger	-----	2 Points
Age 60 or older	-----	2 Points
Disabled	-----	2 Points

B - Income

HH Size	3 Points	2 Points
1	\$ 908	\$ 1,362
2	\$ 1,226	\$ 1,839
3	\$ 1,545	\$ 2,317
4	\$ 1,863	\$ 2,794
5	\$ 2,181	\$ 3,272
6	\$ 2,500	\$ 3,749
7	\$ 2,818	\$ 4,227
8	\$ 3,136	\$ 4,704
Each +	\$ 319	\$ 478

Point Values - \$16 per point

Points	HH Benefit Amount
2	\$ 32
3	\$ 48
4	\$ 64
5	\$ 80
6	\$ 96
7	\$ 112
8	\$ 128
9	\$ 144
10	\$ 160
11	\$ 176
12	\$ 192
13	\$ 208
14	\$ 224