



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



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NEW MEXICO HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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ADJUSTMENTS TO FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES

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V. BACKGROUND SUMMARY

This Human Services Register requests public comments on the annual LIHEAP State Plan. Each year, the LIHEAP State Plan is submitted to the Federal administering agency, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). The LIHEAP State Plan will be amended to reflect the administration of the LIHEAP program in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2012 and to make any adjustments to the LIHEAP Federal poverty guidelines (FPG) as required by federal statute.

VI. PROPOSED REGULATIONS

The Department proposes to administer LIHEAP in FFY 2012 with any federally mandated changes to the Federal Poverty guidelines (FPG).

The current LIHEAP State Plan can be viewed on the HSD website at <http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/isd/ISDPlans.html>.

Any changes in Federal Poverty Guidelines that are proposed in policy will be incorporated into the FFY 2012 LIHEAP State Plan.

The current regulations can be viewed on the internet at http://www.nmcpr.state.nm.us/nmac/_title08/T08C150.htm.

Individuals wishing to request a copy of the current and proposed rule changes and/or the current and the proposed LIHEAP State Plan should contact the Income Support Division, Work and Family Support Bureau, P O Box 12740, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87195-2495, or by calling 1-888-523-0051.

VII. EFFECTIVE DATE

The Department proposes to implement these regulations effective October 1, 2011.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing to receive testimony on these proposed regulations will be held September 6, 2011 at 10:00 AM. The hearing will be held in the Law Library at Pollon Plaza, 2009 S. Pacheco St., Santa Fe, NM 57505. Parking accessible to persons with physical impairments is available.

If you are a person with a disability and you require this information in an alternative format or require a special accommodation to participate in any HSD public hearing, program, or service, please contact the NM Human Services Department toll free at 1-800-432-6217 or through the Relay New Mexico system, toll free at 1-800-659-8331. The Department requests at least ten-day advance notice to provide requested alternative formats and special accommodations.

IX. ADDRESS

Interested persons may address written or recorded comments to:

Sidonie Squier, Secretary
State of New Mexico
Human Services Department
P.O. Box 2348
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2348

Interested parties may also address comments by electronic mail to:

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These comments must be received no later than 5:00 P.M., on September 6, 2011. Written and recorded comments will be given the same consideration as oral comments made at the public hearing.

X. PUBLICATION

Publication of these proposed regulations approved on 7/15/11 by:



Sidonie Squier, Secretary
Human Services Department

NM LIHEAP Proposed 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 \$160 (FFY 2011) (to be determined for FFY 2012)		

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

C - Vulnerable Members

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

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