ISSUING AGENCY: New Mexico Human Services Department.

SCOPE: The rule applies to the general public.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: New Mexico Statutes Annotated 1978 (Chapter 27, Articles 1 and 2) authorize the state to administer the aid to families with dependent children (AFDC), general assistance (GA), shelter care supplement, the burial assistance programs and such other public welfare functions as may be assumed by the state.

DURATION: Permanent.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 1, 2009, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.

OBJECTIVE:
A. The objective of general assistance is to provide financial assistance to dependent needy children and disabled adults who are not eligible for assistance under a federally matched financial assistance program such as New Mexico works (NMW) or the federal program of supplemental security income (SSI).
B. The objective of the supplement for residential care program is to provide a cash assistance supplement to SSI recipients who reside in licensed adult residential care homes.
C. The objective of the burial assistance program is to assist in payment of burial expenses for an individual who was a low income individual at the time of death.

PAYMENT ISSUANCE:
A. EBT: The department issues cash assistance benefits through an electronic benefit transfer (EBT) system.
B. Warrants: In some circumstances a payment can be issued by warrant.
C. Death of a recipient: An authorized beneficiary may access and use payments issued on behalf of a recipient who died before an EBT withdrawal was made if the recipient:
   (1) was alive on the first day of the month for which cash assistance benefits were issued; and
   (2) met all eligibility conditions at the time of death.

HISTORY OF 8.106.230 NMAC:

History of Repealed Material: