General Information Memorandum

ISD-GI 15-05

TO: ISD Employees

FROM: Marilyn Martinez, Acting Director, Income Support Division

RE: New Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Poster Procedures

DATE: February 12, 2015

As part of the corrective action to our recent Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) Civil Rights Review, all SNAP related flyers, handouts, posters, and brochures must contain the current Nondiscrimination Statement. This would include SL Start posters or notices, outside agency flyers, and community partner notices.

To ensure all new information regarding SNAP or SNAP related activities are in compliance, the item must go through Central Office for approval prior to posting. In order to expedite the process, the information may be sent directly to Carolyn Craven at carolyn.craven@state.nm.us or Kathy Blea at kathya.blea@state.nm.us. The ISD Quality Assessment Bureau (QAB) will review all SNAP related items to verify the current Nondiscrimination Statement is included on the poster, brochure, flyer, etc. Once verified, the following approval label will be affixed to the document and it can be posted in the office at that time.

This document has been reviewed/approved by the HSD/ISD Quality Assessment Bureau.

Approval Signature: ________________

Date: ________________

If you have questions regarding this GI, the contact person is Carolyn Craven at (505) 827-7224 or email at carolyn.craven@state.nm.us.

Attachment:

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Your Civil Rights Nondiscrimination Statement

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