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General Information Memorandum

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TO: ISD Employees

FROM: Karmela Martinez, Division Director, Income Support Division 

RE: Elderly or Disabled Recertification Interview Waiver Extension Approval
(#2110022)

DATE: April 5, 2021

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has approved New Mexico's request for an extension of Waiver #2110022, waiving recertification interviews for elderly or disabled SNAP households. The waiver is effective March 1, 2021, through August 31, 2022. Please review the conditions below to ensure the criteria set forth by FNS are being adhered to in order to continue the waiver.

What defines an elderly or disabled household?

As per 8.139.120.9 NMAC, a household that is approved for SNAP benefits shall be assigned the longest certification period possible in accordance with the household's circumstances.:

- All members elderly or disabled,
- There is no earned income,
- Households may contain children or disabled children, but the presence of disabled children in the household alone is not allowable criterion.

When does the waiver apply?

- Recertification applications in this targeted group will not be denied if the State does not schedule an interview with the household.
- Applies only at recertification.
- The HUMAD process is used not necessary to resolve unclear or questionable information during recertification no interview is required.

What is the Departments responsibility?

- To provide request information to clients to ensure that they are aware of the excess medical deductions, allowable costs and how to claim the deduction.
- Review client shelter and utility costs to provide all allowable deductions, by use of HUMAD.

Department must allow and interview (telephone or face-to-face) if requested by the household or its authorized representative.

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