



STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
**HUMAN SERVICES REGISTER**

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**I. DEPARTMENT**

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**II. SUBJECT**

NEW MEXICO EXTRA HELP SUPPLEMENTAL  
NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)

**III. PROGRAMS AFFECTED**

EXTRA HELP SNAP

**IV. ACTION**

FINAL REGULATIONS

**V. BACKGROUND**

The Department has reduced the Extra Help SNAP benefit amounts based on the most current cost neutrality calculation as established by the Food and Nutrition Services, United States Department of Agriculture. This amount is subject to review annually.

A hearing was held to receive public comment on May 29, 2012. No one attended the hearing and written comments were not received. The Department will move forward to finalize the regulations as proposed.

**X. EFFECTIVE DATE**

July 1, 2012

**X. PUBLICATION**

Publication of these final regulations approved on 6/5/12 by:

  
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This is an amendment to 8.139.504 NMAC, Section 11, effective 07/01/2012.

#### 8.139.504.11 BENEFIT DELIVERY

**A. Benefit issuance:** NM Extra Help SNAP benefits shall be issued through a direct deposit into a household's electronic benefit transfer (EBT) food stamp account. EBT cards are issued and EBT accounts maintained as defined at 8.139.610 NMAC. A participating household has a definite issuance date so that food stamp benefits are received on or about the same time each month. The issuance date is based on the last two digits of the social security number of the individual to whom the food stamps are issued. Benefits for the month of application shall not be prorated.

**B. ~~Benefit calculation:~~** ~~Benefits are issued based on countable gross income and total combined shelter costs. Benefit amounts shall be subject to review and adjustment in coordination with the regular food stamp program and cost neutrality and may be adjusted each January. Monthly NM Extra Help SNAP benefit amounts are based on the following.~~

~~(1) **Benefits for a two person household:**~~

~~(a) The monthly benefit amount for a two person household with any amount of monthly shelter expense and a gross monthly income of less than \$800.00 is \$300.00.~~

~~(b) The monthly benefit amount for a two person household with any amount of income and a monthly shelter expense of \$800.00 or more is \$300.00~~

~~(c) The monthly benefit amount for a two person household with a gross monthly income of \$800.00 or more and monthly shelter expenses between \$700.00 and \$799.00 is \$180.00.~~

~~(d) The monthly benefit amount for a two person household with a gross monthly income of \$800.00 or more and a monthly shelter expense between \$600.00 and \$699.00 is \$96.00.~~

~~(e) The monthly benefit amount for a two person household with a gross monthly income of \$800.00 or more and monthly shelter expenses less than \$600.00 is \$46.00.~~

~~(2) **Benefits for a one person household:**~~

~~(a) The monthly benefit amount for a one person household with any amount of monthly shelter expense and a gross monthly income of less than \$500.00 is \$180.00.~~

~~(b) The monthly benefit amount for a one person household with any amount of income and a monthly shelter expense of \$700.00 or more is \$180.00.~~

~~(c) The monthly benefit amount for a one person household with a gross monthly income of \$500.00 or more and monthly shelter expenses between \$600.00 and \$699.00 is \$96.00.~~

~~(d) The monthly benefit amount for a one person household with a gross monthly income of \$500.00 or more and monthly shelter expenses less than \$600.00 is \$46.00.~~

**Eligibility Determination:** Eligibility is based on adjusted net income (ANI) which equals the countable gross income minus the appropriate standard deduction, minus the total combined shelter cost, and minus the medical deduction. To be eligible for NM Extra Help SNAP, the applicant household's ANI must be below the appropriate net income level in accordance with 8.139.500 NMAC.

**C. Benefit Calculation:** Benefits are issued based on adjusted income (AI) and the shelter to income ratio (STIR). AI is equal to the gross countable income minus medical expenses. The STIR is equal to the total shelter costs divided by the AI. Benefit amounts shall be subject to review and adjustment in coordination with the regular food stamp program and cost neutrality and may be adjusted each January.

**(1) Benefits for a two person household:**

(a) The monthly benefit amount for a two person household with a monthly AI of less than \$900.00 is \$240.00.

(b) The monthly benefit amount for a two person household with a monthly STIR equal to or greater than 0.9 is \$240.00.

(c) The monthly benefit amount for a two person household with a monthly AI equal to or greater than \$900.00 but less than \$1,500.00 and a STIR equal to or greater than 0.8 and less than 0.9 is \$180.00.

(d) The monthly benefit amount for a two person household with a monthly AI equal to or greater than \$900.00 but less than \$1,500.00 and a STIR equal to or greater than 0.25 but less than 0.8 is \$75.00.

(e) The monthly benefit amount for a two person household with a monthly AI equal to or greater than \$1,500 but less than \$1,800.00 and a STIR equal to or greater than 0.25 is \$75.00.

(f) The monthly benefit amount for a two person household with a monthly AI equal to or greater than \$900.00 but less than \$1,500.00 and a STIR less than 0.25 is \$16.00.

(g) The monthly benefit amount for a two person household with a monthly AI equal to or greater than \$1,800.00 and a STIR less than 0.25 is \$16.00.

**(2) Benefits for a one person household:**

**(a)** The monthly benefit amount for a one person household with an AI less than \$500.00 is \$180.00.

**(b)** The monthly benefit amount for a one person household with a STIR equal to or greater than 0.85 is \$180.00.

**(c)** The monthly benefit amount for a one person household with an AI equal to or greater than \$500.00 and a STIR equal to or greater than 0.65 but less than .085 is \$75.00.

**(d)** The monthly benefit amount for a one person household with an AI equal to or greater than \$500.00 and a STIR less than 0.65 is \$16.00.

**[E] D. Benefit correction:** Benefit corrections shall be determined and adjusted as defined at 8.139.640 NMAC.

[8.139.504.11 NMAC - N, 08/01/2011; A, 07/01/2012]