



STATE OF NEW MEXICO HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

HUMAN SERVICES REGISTER

I. DEPARTMENT

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II. SUBJECT

MANDATORY & VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION IN EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING (E&T) REQUIREMENTS

III. PROGRAMS AFFECTED

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)

IV. ACTION

PROPOSED REGULATION

V. BACKGROUND

In Federal Fiscal Year 2013, the Human Services Department is proposing to implement a mandatory Employment & Training (E & T) program for childless adults receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Those individuals who are mandatory will be required to complete either a group or individual job search annually to meet the E & T work program requirements. A mandatory E & T work program will ensure SNAP program participants have the skills, training or work experience to obtain and/or keep employment.

VI. Proposed Regulations

This register and proposed regulations are available on the Human Services Department website at http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/isd/ISDRegisters.html. If you do not have Internet access, a copy of the proposed regulations may be requested by contacting Income Support Division Policy and Program Development Bureau at 827-7219.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing to receive testimony on this regulation will be held on April 15, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The hearing will be held at the Income Support Division

Conference Room at Pollon Plaza, 2009 S. Pacheco St., Santa Fe, NM 87505. The Conference room is located in room 120 on the lower level. Individuals wishing to testify may contact the Income Support Division, P.O. Box 2348, Santa Fe, NM 87504-2348, or by calling toll free 1-800-432-6217.

If you are a person with a disability and you require this information in an alternative format, or you require a special accommodation to participate in any HSD public hearing, program, or service, please contact the New Mexico Human Services Department toll free at 1-800-432-6217, in Santa Fe at 827-9454, or through the New Mexico Relay system, toll free at 1-800-659-8331. The Department requests at least a 10-day advance notice to provide requested alternative formats and special accommodations.

IX. ADDRESS

Interested persons may address written or recorded comments to:

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X. PUBLICATION

Publication of these emergency regulations approved on $\frac{2/36/13}{5}$ by:

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