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Winter Clothing Allowance to Help More Than 15,000 NM Children

Santa Fe, NM – Today, the New Mexico Human Services Department announced an additional clothing allowance that will help more than 15,000 children throughout New Mexico. Effective Jan. 1, eligible households will receive an additional \$50 per child to buy clothes for the second half of the school year.

“We are pleased to be able to distribute this benefit to thousands of children across the state in time for the second half of the school year,” HSD Secretary Brent Earnest Said. “Helping children stay warm and prepare for school is part of our mission to reduce the impact of poverty in New Mexico.”

About 15,100 children between the ages of 6 and 18 who live in households currently receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families will be eligible for the clothing allowance.

The \$50 per child payment is in addition to the “back to school” clothing allowance issued in August. The allowances are intended to be used to purchase essential clothing such as winter coats and assist in preparing children for school. The payment is automatically added to their EBT accounts.

The mission of the HSD Income Support Division is to relieve, minimize or eliminate poverty and to make important financial assistance, food assistance, employment assistance and training services available to eligible low-income individuals and families throughout the state.

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