

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Health Care Authority (HCA) is required by Federal Law to file a Model Plan that describes how HCA will administer the State's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). The Model Plan must be submitted every year to the United States Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF). The Department is required to offer a 30-day comment period and conduct a public hearing for the LIHEAP Model Plan that includes Weatherization prior to submittal.

The HCA proposes the New Mexico LIHEAP Model Plan covering the period of October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2026. All comments received will be considered for the New Mexico LIHEAP Model Plan.

The proposed Model Plan is available on and can be printed from the HCA's website at: <https://www.hca.nm.gov/wp-content/uploads/LIHEAP-DRAFT-FFY2026-State-Plan.pdf>. A copy of the proposed LIHEAP Model Plan is available in written format upon request. Please call the Income Support Division at (505) 709-5391 to request a copy. You may also send a request to:

Health Care Authority
Income Support Division
Attn: LIHEAP Unit
P.O. Box 2348
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2348

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 HCA public hearing, program, or service, please contact the American Disabilities Act Coordinator at the office of General Counsel, at 505-827-7701 or through the New Mexico Relay system, toll free at 1-800-659-1779. The Department requests at least a 10-day advance notice to provide requested alternative formats and special accommodations.

A public hearing to receive testimony on this proposed plan will be held on September 2, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The hearing will be held at 39-B Plaza La Prensa, Santa Fe, NM 87507. Written comments will be accepted from July 29, 2025 through August 29, 2025 and will be posted to the HCA website within 3 days of receipt.

Interested persons may address written or recorded comments to:

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Interested persons may also address comments via electronic mail to: HCA-isdrules@state.nm.gov.