

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

I. DEPARTMENT

New Mexico Health Care Authority

II. SUBJECT

Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) Program State Plan

III. PROGRAMS AFFECTED

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

IV. ACTION

Proposed LIHEAP State Plan

V. BACKGROUND SUMMARY

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

VI. PROPOSED STATE PLAN

The Authority proposes the New Mexico LIHEAP State Plan covering the period of October 1, 2026, to September 30, 2027. All comments received will be considered for the New Mexico LIHEAP State Plan.

The register and proposed LIHEAP State Plan is available on HCA's website at: <https://www.hca.nm.gov/lookingforinformation/income-support-division-registers-2/>. If you don't have internet access, a copy of the Proposed LIHEAP state plan may be requested by contacting the Income Support Division/LIHEAP unit at (505) 709-5391. 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

VII. PUBLICATION DATE

July 14, 2026

VIII. EFFECTIVE DATE

Federal Fiscal Year 2027

IX. PUBLIC HEARING

A hybrid public hearing to receive testimony on this proposed plan will be held on August 14th, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. You may join in person, virtually, or by phone.

You may join in person at:

HCA Income Support Division Santa Fe County Office at 39-B Plaza La Prensa, Santa Fe, NM 87507 in the Conference Room.

You may join virtually from your computer, tablet or smartphone:

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/22905330671773?p=YDslZLmjtMVLU78svD> Meeting ID: 229 053 306 717 73

Passcode: cw9Bs2Lr

Dial in by phone

+1 505-312-4308,,408663208# United States, Albuquerque Find a local number

Phone conference ID: 408 663 208#

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Individuals who do not wish to attend the hearing may submit written or recorded comments in the following ways:

- Drop of at HCA Income Support Division, Santa Fe County Office Attn: Freddie Sandoval at 39-B Plaza La Prensa, Santa Fe, NM 87507
- Call: (505) 790-5747.
- Mailing comments to: Income Support Division: Attn, Freddie Sandoval at P.O. Box 2348, Santa Fe, NM 87504-2348.
- Emailed electronically to: HCA-isdrules@hca.nm.gov.

Written or recorded comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on the date of the hearing, August 14, 2026. Written and recorded comments will be given the same consideration as oral testimony made at the public hearing.

All written comments will be posted on the agency website at Income Support Division Registers - New Mexico Health Care Authority within 3 days of receipt.

X. PUBLICATIONS

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