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This is an amendment to 8.295.500 NMAC, Sections 8, 10, 11 and 12, effective 1/1/2022.

**8.295.500.8 MISSION:** [To reduce the impact of poverty on people living in New Mexico by providing support services that help families break the cycle of dependency on public assistance.] To transform lives. Working with our partners, we design and deliver innovative, high quality health and human services that improve the security and promote independence for New Mexicans in their communities. [8.295.500.8 NMAC - Rp, 8.295.500.8 NMAC, 1/1/2014; A, 1/1/2022]

## 8.295.500.10 INCOME STANDARD:

**A.** Financial eligibility: An individual's financial eligibility is based on the rules in this chapter and 8.291.430 NMAC.

**B.** Income test: In order to become eligible for children's medicaid, the total countable income of the budget group must be less than the income standard for eligibility found at 8.291.430 NMAC.

(1) If the assistance unit consists of a child under the age of six, the assistance unit and budget group's countable income must be less than [300] three hundred percent of FPL for the countable household size.

(2) If the assistance unit consists of a child age six to age 19, the assistance unit and budget group's countable income must be less than [240] two hundred and forty percent of FPL for the countable household size.

[8.295.500.10 NMAC - Rp, 8.295.500.10 NMAC, 1/1/2014; A, 1/1/2022]

**8.295.500.11 INCOME ELIGIBILITY:** [Income from a 30 day period is used to determine eligibility. Income from a terminated source is not counted. If an amount of income is received less frequently than monthly, that amount is converted by dividing the total income by the number of months the income is intended to cover. Income received more frequently than monthly will be converted using the following multipliers:

A. four (paid weekly);

**B.** two (paid biweekly/semi monthly).] Income methodology is based on modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) in accordance with 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 435.603. Per 42 CFR 435.603(h)(2) HSD bases financial eligibility on current monthly household income and family size. Current monthly household income is defined as a 30-day period. If an amount of income is received less frequently than monthly, that amount is converted by dividing the total income by the number of months the income is intended to cover. [8.295.500.11 NMAC - Rp, 8.295.500.11 NMAC, 1/1/2014; A, 1/1/2022]

**8.295.500.12 DISREGARDS:** An income disregard according to 8.291.430 NMAC, will be given only to the following:

A. individuals whose budget group's countable MAGI income is at or above [190] <u>one hundred and</u> <u>ninety</u> percent of the FPL if the assistance unit consists of a child age six to age 19, or [240] <u>two hundred and forty</u> percent of the FPL if the assistance unit consists of a child under the age of six; when a child has a QHP, an income disregard will be given when the existence of the QHP makes the individual ineligible due to CHIP requirements found at 8.295.400 NMAC; or

**B.** individuals whose budget group's countable MAGI income is at or above [240] two hundred and forty percent of the FPL if the assistance unit consists of a child age six to age 19, or [300] three hundred percent of the FPL if the assistance unit consists of a child under the age of six.

[8.295.500.12 NMAC - Rp, 8.295.500.12 NMAC, 1/1/2014; A, 1/1/2022]