

NOTICE OF PUBLIC RULE HEARING

The Human Services Department through the Child Support Enforcement Division (CSED), is proposing amendments to rules: 8.50.100.9 NMAC, 8.50.110.8 NMAC, 8.50.112.8 NMAC, 8.50.112.16 NMAC, 8.50.125.10 NMAC, 8.50.125.11 NMAC, 8.50.130.8 NMAC, and 8.50.130.10 NMAC. The Human Services Department is authorized to propose and adopt rules under the Public Assistance Act, Section 27-2-1 et seq. NMSA 1978 (1992 Repl.).

Changes in the rules are to revise child support program services offered, to state that income withholding will comply with federal regulation and to remove language stating the income withholding is upon request, to revise language to reflect the current procedure for license suspension, to allow for the seizure of administrative offset for child support delinquency, to revise program fees, to clarify the definition of payees, to include income withholding and administrative offset as claims for requesting an administrative hearing, and to include the requirement of due process notice for an administrative offset. The purpose of the proposed rules are to comply with federal child support regulations and to update internal procedures. The register for these proposed amendments to these rules will be available January 15, 2019 on the HSD web site at <http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/LookingForInformation/Default.aspx>. If you do not have Internet access, a copy of the proposed rules may be requested by contacting CSED at (505) 476-7186.

A public hearing to receive testimony on these proposed rules will be held at ASD/HSD Large Conference Room on the 1st floor, 1474 Rodeo Rd, Santa Fe, New Mexico on Thursday, February 21, 2019, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Mountain Daylight Time (MDT) .

Interested parties may submit written comments directly to: Human Services Department, Office of the Secretary, ATTN: Child Support Enforcement Division Public Comments, P.O. Box 2348, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2348. Recorded comments may be left by calling (505) 476-7186. Electronic comments may be submitted to Jennifer.Salazar-Va@state.nm.us. Written, electronic and recorded comments will be given the same consideration as oral testimony made at the public hearing. All comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. February 21, 2019.

If you are a person with a disability and you require this information in an alternative format or require a special accommodation to participate in the public hearing, please contact Kristin Abdill at 505-827-6201. The Department's TDD system may be accessed toll-free at 1-855-227-5485. The Department requests at least ten (10) days advance notice to provide requested alternative formats and special accommodations.

Copies of all comments will be made available by the CSED upon request by providing copies directly to a requestor or by making them available on the CSED website or at a location within the county of the requestor.