Department of Human Services

Division of Family Development

Advance Notice

New Jersey Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (NJ SNAP)

Amendments Concerning NJ SNAP Work Requirements

To Whom It May Concern:

The New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development intends to amend the NJ SNAP regulations in order to comply with federal SNAP work registration and Able-Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWD) rules. SNAP recipients are required to comply with work registration requirements unless exempted. Individuals who are physically or mentally unfit for employment may be exempt from work registration. Under SNAP rules, the standard used to determine physical or mental unfitness must be at least as restrictive as that used for recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). The Division intends to propose amendments to N.J.A.C. 10:87-10.2 and 10.18 which would apply the same standard for SNAP work registration exemptions based on physical or mental unfitness as is used for deferrals from work activity requirements in the Work First New Jersey (WFNJ) program at N.J.A.C. 10:90-4.10.

On December 17, 2024, the United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service (USDA/FNS) published the final rule, *Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: Program Purpose and Work Requirement Provisions of the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023* (89 FR 102342). In order to comply with these federal changes, the Division also intends to propose various amendments to N.J.A.C. 10:87, to bring the chapter into compliance with certain provisions of the final rule.

Finally, the Division intends to propose various additional changes to N.J.A.C. 10:87 to ensure that NJ SNAP work regulations are consistent with current applicable State and Federal law.

Interested parties may submit informal comments on this advance notice within thirty (30) days of its publication on the Department of Human Services’ website. Please submit your informal comments to:

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You will also have a 60-day opportunity to submit formal comments on any actual proposed amendments subsequent to the publication of such proposal in the New Jersey Register. Such proposal will also be published on the Department of Human Services’ website.