



OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES
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Rulemaking Notice Form

Notice Number: 2026-114

Rule Number: He-W 654.02

1. **Agency:** Department of Health and Human Services
Former Division of Human Services

Agency Address: Department of Health and Human Services
Administrative Rules Unit
Brown Building, 2nd Floor
129 Pleasant St.
Concord, NH 03301

2. **RSA Authority:** RSA 167:82, VII
3. **Federal Authority:**
4. **Action(s):** Readopt w/Amendment
5. **Short Title:** Income Computation
6. **(a) Summary of what the rule says and of any proposed amendments including whether the rule implements a state statute for the first time:**

He-W 654.02 specifies calculation methods that are used to determine an assistance group's countable gross and net income for Financial Assistance to Needy Families financial assistance eligibility. When computing eligibility if any subtractions result in a negative number, the result will be considered to be zero, except where otherwise specified.

The Department of Health and Human Services is proposing to readopt with amendment He-W 645.02 by:

- Spelling out the first appearances of acronyms;
- Updating rule citations;

- Removing gender pronouns; and
- Making editorial edits for clarity.

The proposal does not implement a state statute for the first time.

The rule in this proposal is set to expire 10-25-26, but the rules are subject to extension pursuant to RSA 541-A:14-a.

6. **(b) Brief description of the groups affected:**

Recipients of Financial Assistance to Needy Families.

6. **(c) Specific section or sections of state statute or federal statute or regulation which the rule is intended to implement:**

Rule	Specific State or Federal Statute or Regulations the Rule Implements
He-W 654.02	RSA 167:3-c, I & IX; RSA 167:4, I(a); RSA 167:78, XVII; RSA 167:80, I & IV(i); RSA 167:82, VII; RSA 167:83, II(e); 45 CFR 233.20(a)(2)(iv); 45 CFR 233.20(a)(3)(ii)(B); and 45 CFR 233.20(a)(6)

7. **Contact person for copies and questions including requests to accommodate persons with disabilities:**

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8. **Deadline for submission of materials in writing or, if practicable for the agency, in the electronic format specified:**

Friday, July 3, 2026

- Fax**
- Email**
- Other**

9. **Public hearing scheduled for:**

Date: Friday, June 26, 2026

Time: 12:30 PM

Place: Department of Health and Human Services

Main Building, Fox Chapel

105 Pleasant St.

Concord, NH 03301

Electronic Access, if applicable: N/A

10. **Fiscal Impact Statement (Prepared by Legislative Budget Assistant):**

FIS #: 26:088, dated: Friday, May 15, 2026

1. **Comparison of the costs of the proposed rule(s) to the existing rule(s):**

There is no difference in cost when comparing the proposed rule to the existing rule.

2. **Cite the Federal mandate. Identify the impact on state funds:**

No federal mandate, no impact on state funds.

3. **Cost and benefits of the proposed rule(s):**

A. To State general or State special funds:

None.

B. To State citizens and political subdivisions:

None.

C. To independently owned businesses:

None.

11. **Statement Relative to Part I, Article 28-a of the N.H. Constitution:**

Although the proposed rule modifies existing responsibilities, it does not mandate any fees, duties, or expenditures on the political subdivisions of the state, and therefore does not violate Part I, Article 28-a of the N.H. Constitution.