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Rulemaking Notice Form

Notice Number: 2026-115

Rule Number: He-W 756.06

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 161:4-a, IV
3. **Federal Authority:**
4. **Action(s):** Readopt w/Amendment
5. **Short Title:** Public Assistance Households
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 756.06 specifies that households that lose their financial assistance for needy families (FANF) may receive up to 5 months of extended food stamp (EFS) benefits. The benefits remain unchanged even if the household's circumstances change for other program areas. The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) certification period is adjusted to end with the EFS period, after which the household must recertify under standard rules.

The Department of Health and Human Services is proposing to readopt with amendment He-W 756.06 by adding the state option in 7 CFR 273.27(a)(2) to adjust EFS benefit amount for automatic annual changes such as cost-of-living allowance, standard deduction and excess shelter, and making minor 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 12-23-26, but the rules are subject to extension pursuant to RSA 541-A:14-a.

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

Households who receive FANF and EFS benefits.

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 756.06	RSA 161:4-a, IV; 7 CFR 273.14; 7 CFR 273.26; 7 CFR 273.27; 7 CFR 273.31; 7 CFR 273.32; 7 USC 2020(s)

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: 12:00 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 #: 26:087, dated: Friday, May 15, 2026

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

When compared to the existing rule, the proposed rule will benefit state citizens by an indeterminable amount.

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. Although the proposed rule will benefit program recipients by adjusting extended food stamp (ESF) amounts to reflect the cost of living and other factors, there will be no state cost as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (through which the benefits are provided) is fully federally funded.

B. To State citizens and political subdivisions:

State citizens will benefit to the extent that their ESF benefits are adjusted to reflect the cost of living and other factors.

No impact on political subdivisions.

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.