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Proposed Rule Cover Sheet



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NOTICE OF RULE MAKING

The Director of the Division of County Operations of the Department of Human Services announces for a public comment period of thirty (30) calendar days a notice of rulemaking for the following proposed rule(s) under one or more of the following chapters, subchapters, or sections of the Arkansas Code: §§ 20-76-201, 20-76-401, and 25-10-129.

Effective February 1, 2020, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Eligibility (SNAP) will be amended as follows:

- To implement Acts 2019, No. 1043, as a condition of eligibility, custodial parents that apply for SNAP must cooperate with child support enforcement to gain support for custodial children. If a client does not cooperate they may not participate but their children can continue to receive benefits.
- To implement Acts 2019, No. 1043, non-custodial parents must also comply with child support enforcement. If they refuse to comply or become non-compliant according to Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) policy, then they will be ineligible to receive benefits. Any remaining household member would continue to be eligible.
- The rule has been revised by removing business processes to clarify program requirements.
- Alternate Service County policy has been deleted to align with Transitional Employment Assistance (TEA) and Medicaid policy.
- General language and grammar corrections made to simplify policy, hence making the manual more user friendly.

The proposed rule is available for review at the Department of Human Services (DHS) Office of Rules Promulgation, 2nd floor Donaghey Plaza South Building, 7th and Main Streets, P. O. Box 1437, Slot S295, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-1437. You may also access and download the proposed rule on the DHS Legal Notices website at <https://humanservices.arkansas.gov/resources/legal-notices>. Public comments must be submitted in writing at the above address or at the following email address: ORP@dhs.arkansas.gov. All public comments must be received by DHS no later than November 30, 2019. Please note that public comments submitted in response to this notice are considered public documents. A public comment, including the commenter's name and any personal information contained within the public comment, will be made publicly available and may be seen by various people.

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