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**TITLE 470 DIVISION OF FAMILY RESOURCES**

**Economic Impact Statement**

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**IC 4-22-2.1-5 Statement Concerning Rules Affecting Small Businesses**

The Office of the Secretary of Family and Social Services, Division of Family Resources (Division of Family Resources) is publishing this Economic Impact Statement for the proposed food stamp program rule.

The purpose of the proposed rule is to amend [470 IAC 6-2-1](#) to allow simplified reporting for elderly/disabled households. Amend [470 IAC 6-2-13](#) to remove requirements of specific certification periods based on type of household. Amend [470 IAC 6-3-1](#) to implement a 30 day food stamp application processing time, to provide clarification of the denial process for food stamps applications in accordance with federal regulations, and to allow for the food stamp interview to be delayed in expedited cases. Amend [470 IAC 6-4.1-1](#) to allow implementation of a mandatory standard utility allowance in addition to removing reference that those households who share utility expenses cannot use the standard allowance. Amend [470 IAC 6-4.1-4](#) to remove reference to specific certification periods affecting reporting requirements. Repeal [470 IAC 6-4.1-6](#). Amend [470 IAC 6-4.2-1](#) to implement broad based categorical eligibility. Amend [470 IAC 6-5-3](#) to allow the implementation of a voluntary employment and training program.

A copy of the rule and the Notice of Intent to Adopt a Rule are attached. The statement appears below:

**IC 4-22-2-28 Economic Impact Statement**

The Division of Family Resources has reviewed the proposed rule to determine the economic impact of the rule on regulated entities and the extent to which the proposed rule creates an unfunded mandate on the agency. The Division of Family Resources has determined, based on the information available at the time of the rule promulgation, that the proposed rule does not have an estimated economic impact of greater than \$500,000 on regulated entities.

The proposed rule will cost the state approximately \$95,000 to implement and change the current Indiana Client Eligibility System (ICES), which is the mainframe computer system used to determine eligibility and benefit amounts for families requesting and receiving TANF, food stamps, and Medicaid. Consequently, there is no economic impact of greater than \$500,000 on regulated entities.

**IC 4-22-2.1-5 Statement Concerning Rules Affecting Small Businesses:**

[IC 4-22-2.1-5\(a\)](#) provides that an agency that intends to adopt a rule under [IC 4-22-2](#) that will impose requirements or costs on small businesses must prepare a statement that describes the annual economic impact of the rule on small businesses after the rule is fully implemented as described in [IC 4-22-2.1-5\(b\)](#). That statement must be submitted to the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC). The IEDC is required to review the rule and submit written comments to the agency not later than seven days before the public hearing.

The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration estimates that the proposed rule will impose no requirements or costs on small businesses.

**Estimated Number of Small Businesses Affected:**

There are no small businesses, as defined in [IC 4-22-2.1-4](#), that will be subject to the proposed rule.

**Estimated Administrative Costs Imposed on Small Businesses:**

Because there are no small businesses subject to the rule, there are no administrative costs imposed.

**Estimated Total Annual Economic Impact on Small Businesses:**

The FSSA estimates that there will be no economic impact on small businesses as defined in [IC 4-22-2.1-4](#).

**Justification of Requirements or Costs:**

The FSSA offers no justification of requirements or costs as the proposed rule imposes no requirements or costs on small businesses.

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis:**

The FSSA does not propose an alternative regulatory method since the proposed rule has no impact on small businesses.

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