

LSA NUMBER: #10-243

TITLE: 470 DIVISION OF FAMILY RESOURCES: Food Stamp (SNAP) Rule

DIVISION: Division of Family Resources

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OVERVIEW OF RULE: Amends 470 IAC 6-2-1 to allow simplified reporting for elderly/disabled households. Amends 470 IAC 6-2-13 to remove requirements of specific certification periods based on type of household. Amends 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. Amends 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. Amends 470 IAC 6-4.1-4 to remove reference to specific certification periods affecting reporting requirements. Amends 470 IAC 6-4.2-1 to implement broad based categorical eligibility. Amends 470 IAC 6-5-3 to allow the implementation of a voluntary employment and training program. Repeals 470 IAC 6-4.1-6.

FISCAL IMPACT: The proposed Food Stamp 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.

ECONOMIC IMPACT: there is no economic impact of greater than five hundred thousand dollars (\$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.

OPPONENTS: Food Stamp clients who are not compliant with federal regulations and state policies.

PROPONENTS: The Division of Family Resources.

RECOMMENDATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING COMMENTS: Not scheduled yet.