**Notice of Agency Rule-making Adoption**

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**AGENCY:** Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Family Independence

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE:** 10-144 C.M.R. Chapter 609 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training (SNAP E&T) Program Rule

SNAP E&T Rule #6 – Name Change and Other Clarifications

**ADOPTED RULE NUMBER:**

**CONCISE SUMMARY:** The adopted rule updates the program name and references to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training Program (SNAP E&T) from FSET to reflect recent updates for the SNAP program. The adopted rule is consistent with terminology used in federal law, state laws and regulation. Further, the adopted rule is consistent with Maine revised statutes pursuant to P.L. 2021 c. 398 Part OO.

The adopted rule clarifies federal requirements for case management and job retention services and other minor updates made to clarify wording. Each of these updates more closely aligns the rule with 7 C.F.R. § 273.3.

The adopted rule updates Section 8(I) Support Services Limits – Mileage Reimbursement to .46 cents per mile to align with the rate afforded to those covered under the Maine State Employee Association (MSEA) contract. This change is effective retroactive to March 1, 2023. Retroactive rulemaking is permissible under 22 M.R.S. § 42(8) as this update provides a benefit to SNAP E&T recipients or beneficiaries and does not adversely impact applicants, participants, beneficiaries, or providers.

The department determined it necessary to make a non-substantial change to the adoped rule to align the rule with age and work requirements for Able-bodied Adult without Dependent (ABAWD) pursuant to the Fiscal Responsibility Act 2023 (FRA 2023). To ensure consistency with 10-144 C.M.R. Ch. 301 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Rules Manual and this rule, a non-substantial change was made to the definition of Able-bodied Adult without Dependent (ABAWD), Section 1(I). The adopted rule changes the ABAWD definition to “a recipient as defined in 10-144 C.M.R. Ch. 301 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Rules Manual, Section 111-7.”

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**EFFECTIVE DATE**: August 6, 2023

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