

AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE; REQUIRING A RESPONSE FROM THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO A RECIPIENT'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ABOUT EXPIRATION OF PUBLIC BENEFITS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A new section of the Public Assistance Act is enacted to read:

"ELIGIBLE PERSON ENTITLED TO INFORMATION.--A recipient shall be provided with information about expiration of medicaid or general assistance benefits when the recipient or the recipient's guardian, custodian or other authorized representative files a request for such information with the human services department. The department shall respond to the request within five business days of receipt of the request made on a form the department shall devise and make available to a recipient. The response shall be by physical mail, electronic mail or facsimile or by access into a department-authorized web site."