

1 AN ACT
2 RELATING TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE; REQUIRING THE HEALTH CARE
3 AUTHORITY TO DEVELOP ANNUAL FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION
4 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM STATE OUTREACH PLANS.
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6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

7 SECTION 1. A new section of the Public Assistance Act
8 is enacted to read:

9 "FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
10 OUTREACH PLANS.--

11 A. The authority shall develop annual federal
12 supplemental nutrition assistance program state outreach
13 plans to promote access to the benefits of the federal
14 supplemental nutrition assistance program. Each year, the
15 authority shall submit the annual state outreach plan to the
16 food and nutrition service of the United States department of
17 agriculture on or before the deadline specified by the food
18 and nutrition service. Upon approval of an annual state
19 outreach plan, the authority shall maximize federal funding
20 for the plan by submitting a request to the food and
21 nutrition service for all available matching funding that the
22 federal government offers for state outreach plans. The
23 authority may seek matching federal funds, gifts, grants and
24 donations to develop and implement an annual state outreach
25 plan.

1 B. The authority may partner with one or more
2 counties, municipalities, tribal governments or nonprofit
3 organizations for purposes of developing and implementing an
4 annual state outreach plan. The authority may contractually
5 require an entity with which the authority partners for
6 services related to developing or implementing an annual
7 state outreach plan to seek gifts, grants or donations to
8 fund the development or implementation of the annual state
9 outreach program.

10 C. The authority shall be exempt from implementing
11 an annual state outreach plan if the authority does not
12 receive enough state, local, private or federal funds to cover
13 the implementation and administration costs of the annual
14 state outreach plan."
