



**Presentation to the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee**  
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**SNAP Litigation Update**

# Summary of Federal Court Order

- ▶ The Order Adopts HSD's proposal to appoint a Special Master
  - Appointment through January 1, 2018.
  - Accountable only to Court. Independent from Plaintiff and HSD.
  - Subject matter expert in Medicaid and SNAP eligibility systems
  - Bi-monthly reports to the court.

# Impact of a Special Master

- ▶ Provides a resource who is a full-time subject matter expert in Medicaid and SNAP eligibility processes and integrated eligibility systems
- ▶ Will provide Court with objective information regarding Department's compliance