

proposed amendments would evoke a change in the average costs associated with housing.

Smart Growth Development Impact Analysis

As the proposed amendments concern payment for community support services provided to Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare beneficiaries, the Department does not anticipate that the proposed amendments would evoke a change in housing production in Planning Areas 1 and 2, or within designated centers, pursuant to the State Development and Redevelopment Plan.

Racial and Ethnic Community Criminal Justice and Public Safety Impact

The Department has evaluated this proposed rulemaking and determined that it will not have an impact on pretrial detention, sentencing, probation, or parole policies concerning adults and juveniles in the State. Accordingly, no further analysis is required.

Full text of the proposal follows (additions indicated in boldface **thus**; deletions indicated in brackets [thus]):

SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

10:79B-1.1 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

...
“National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPES)” means the system that assigns National Provider Identifiers (NPIs), maintains and updates information about health care providers with NPIs, and disseminates the NPI Registry and NPES downloadable file. The NPI Registry is an online query system that allows users to search for a health care provider’s information.

“National Provider Identifier (NPI)” means a unique 10-digit identification number issued to health care providers by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

...
“Taxonomy code” means a code that describes the provider or organization’s type, classification, and the area of specialization.

SUBCHAPTER 2. PROGRAM STANDARDS

10:79B-2.2 Program and licensure requirements

(a)-(b) (No change.)

(c) **All providers shall be enrolled in the Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare program in accordance with N.J.A.C. 10:49-3.**

1. In order to be approved as a Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare-participating provider, the applicant shall have a valid National Provider Identifier obtained from the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System and a valid taxonomy code obtained from the NPES.

2. Once approved as a Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare provider, the provider shall remain a provider in good standing by successfully completing provider revalidation when requested by DMAHS.

10:79B-2.4 Conditions on claims for reimbursement for services

(a)-(f) (No change.)

(g) [Providers] **CSS provider agencies** may not bill for CSS that are provided while the individual is enrolled in programs of assertive community treatment (PACT), adult mental health rehabilitation (AMHR), or targeted case management (integrated case management services (ICMS) or project for assistance in transition from homelessness (PATH)).

1. PACT teams, AMHR programs, PATH programs, and ICMS agencies shall not bill for services provided to individuals who are receiving CSS.

2. When an agency providing case management services refers an individual to any other agency or program whose services include case management, including, but not limited to, a CSS provider agency, the referring agency shall not provide case management services on or after the date the receiving agency or program enrolls the individual.

(h)-(k) (No change.)

(a)

DIVISION OF FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

New Jersey Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (NJ SNAP)

Policy of Non-Discrimination

Proposed Amendment: N.J.A.C. 10:87-1.11

Authorized By: Stephen Cha, MD, MHSR, Commissioner, Department of Human Services.

Authority: N.J.S.A. 30:1-12.

Calendar Reference: See Summary below for explanation of exception to calendar requirement.

Proposal Number: PRN 2026-038.

Submit comments in writing by September 18, 2026, to:

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The agency proposal follows:

Summary

N.J.A.C. 10:87 sets forth the rules of the Department of Human Services (Department), Division of Family Development (Division), governing the New Jersey Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (NJ SNAP).

The NJ SNAP Policy of Nondiscrimination, which is codified at N.J.A.C. 10:87-1.11, states that in the administration of NJ SNAP, county social services agencies (CSSAs) may not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, sex, disability, religious creed, national origin, or political belief, and as otherwise prohibited by State and Federal law; however, the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination (NJLAD), N.J.S.A. 10:5-1 through 50, includes additional protected classes beyond those identified in the NJ SNAP Policy of Nondiscrimination. Pursuant to the NJLAD, it is unlawful to discriminate against anyone based on their actual or perceived race or color, religion or creed, national origin, nationality, ancestry, sex (including pregnancy), sexual or affectional orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, marital, domestic partnership, or civil union status, liability for military service, atypical hereditary cellular or blood trait, and genetic information.

The proposed amendment at N.J.A.C. 10:87-1.11 would remove the existing list of protected classes and instead provide a direct reference to the NJLAD, aligning with and fully incorporating the more comprehensive protections available pursuant to the statute.

As the Department of Human Services is providing a 60-day comment period for this notice of proposal, this notice is excepted from the rulemaking calendar requirement, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 1:30-3.3(a)5.

Social Impact

The proposed amendment at N.J.A.C. 10:87-1.11 will have a positive social impact. The proposed amendment will cross-reference the NJLAD and will, thereby, provide anti-discrimination protections to NJ SNAP participants in compliance with current and future State law.

Economic Impact

The proposed amendment at N.J.A.C. 10:87-1.11 will have no economic impact.

Federal Standards Analysis

The Department has reviewed the applicable Federal laws and regulations. The proposed amendment would include a standard that exceeds the standard at 7 CFR 272.6; therefore, a Federal standard analysis is required.

Federal SNAP regulations at 7 CFR 272.6 prohibit discrimination in the administration of the SNAP program for reasons of age, race, color, sex, disability, religious creed, national origin, or political beliefs. The NJLAD prohibits discrimination against each of those classes of people identified in the Federal regulation, as well as discrimination on the basis of ancestry, sexual or affectional orientation, gender identity or

expression, marital, domestic partnership, or civil union status, liability for military service, atypical hereditary cellular, or blood trait, and genetic information. It is in the State's best interest to exceed the Federal standard in its regulation so that NJ SNAP applicants/recipients are afforded the maximum protection against discrimination available pursuant to State law. The proposed amendment does not introduce a new obligation on regulated entities, nor does the proposed amendment impose a financial obligation on the State. The proposed amendment clarifies that the NJLAD applies in the administration of NJ SNAP and directly cites to the NJLAD statute.

Jobs Impact

The proposed amendment will not result in the generation or loss of jobs.

Agriculture Industry Impact

The proposed amendment will not have an impact on the agriculture industry.

Regulatory Flexibility Statement

The proposed amendment has been reviewed with regard to the Regulatory Flexibility Act, N.J.S.A. 52:14B-16 et seq. The proposed amendment imposes no reporting, recordkeeping, or other compliance requirements on small businesses; thus, a regulatory flexibility analysis is not required. The proposed amendment governs a public assistance program designed to promote public health by facilitating reliable access to food among qualified individuals in low-income households.

Housing Affordability Impact Analysis

The proposed amendment will have no impact on the affordability of housing in New Jersey. It is highly unlikely that the proposed amendment would evoke a change in the average costs associated with housing because the proposed amendment governs a public assistance program designed to promote public health by facilitating reliable access to food among qualified individuals in low-income households.

Smart Growth Development Impact Analysis

The proposed amendment will have no impact on smart growth and there is an extreme unlikelihood that the rule proposed for amendment would evoke a change in housing production in Planning Areas 1 or 2, or within designated centers, pursuant to the State Development and Redevelopment Plan in New Jersey. The proposed amendment governs a public assistance program designed to promote public health by facilitating reliable access to nutritious food among qualified individuals in low-income households.

Racial and Ethnic Community Criminal Justice and Public Safety Impact

The Department has evaluated this rulemaking and determined that it will not have an impact on pretrial detention, sentencing, probation, or parole practices concerning adults and juveniles in the State. Accordingly, no further analysis is required.

Full text of the proposal follows (additions indicated in boldface **thus**; deletions indicated in brackets [thus]):

SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

10:87-1.11 Policy of [nondiscrimination] **non-discrimination**

CSSAs shall not discriminate against any applicant or participant in any aspect of program administration, including, but not limited to, the certification of households, the issuance of benefits, the conduct of fair hearings, or any other program service, [for reasons of age, race, color, sex, disability, religious creed, national origin, or political belief.] **in accordance with the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination, N.J.S.A. 10:5-1 et seq.,** and as otherwise prohibited by State and Federal law.

OTHER AGENCIES

(a)

ELECTION LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

Regulations of the Election Law Enforcement Commission

Campaign Cost Index and Contribution Limit Adjustments

Proposed Amendments: N.J.A.C. 19:25-1.7, 4.4, 4.5, 8.4, 8.6, 8.6A, 8.8, 8.9, 8.10, 9.2, 9.3, 9.4, 9.4A, 11.2, 11.4, 11.5, 11.7, 12.7, 12.8A, 14.4, and 17.3

Authorized By: Election Law Enforcement Commission, Amanda S. Haines, Executive Director.

Authority: N.J.S.A. 19:44A-6.b.

Calendar Reference: See Summary below for explanation of exception to calendar requirement.

Proposal Number: PRN 2026-039.

The sitting New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission (Commission) will conduct a **public hearing** concerning this notice of proposal on Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at 11:00 A.M. at:

Election Law Enforcement Commission
25 South Stockton St., 5th floor
Trenton, New Jersey 08608

Persons wishing to testify are requested to reserve time to speak by contacting Executive Secretarial Assistant Maureen Tilbury at (609) 292-8700 no later than Friday, September 11, 2026.

Submit written comments by September 18, 2026, to:

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The agency proposal follows:

Summary

The New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission (Commission) proposes amendments to implement campaign cost index and contribution limit adjustments.

As the Commission has provided a 60-day comment period on this notice of proposal, this notice is excepted from the rulemaking calendar requirement pursuant to N.J.A.C. 1:30-3.3(a)5.

Campaign Cost Index and Contribution Limits Adjustments

Statutory changes to the New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1 et seq. (Campaign Act), enacted in 1989 require that the Commission "establish an index reflecting the changes occurring in the general level of prices of particular goods and services ... directly affecting the overall costs of election campaigning in this State." N.J.S.A. 19:44A-7.1.b. The Commission must apply that index to adjust, on a quadrennial basis, various statutory components of the gubernatorial public financing program. See N.J.S.A. 19:44A-7.1.c.

In the 1993 amendments to the Campaign Act, the Governor and Legislature directed the Commission to adjust the limits and thresholds pertaining to non-gubernatorial candidates, committees, and political party entities for campaign cost inflation in the same manner as it adjusts the gubernatorial limits and thresholds. See P.L. 1993, c. 65 (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-7.2).

Legislation enacted in 2004 further amended the Campaign Act, leaving in place the automatic adjustment of thresholds and limits within the gubernatorial public financing program and the thresholds applicable to non-gubernatorial candidates and committees, but directing the Commission to recommend changes for the contribution limits relating to non-gubernatorial candidates, political committees, continuing political committees, political party committees, and legislative leadership committees to the Legislature through a quadrennial report. See P.L. 2004, c. 28 (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-7.3).