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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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**NOTICE OF ADOPTION**

**MAR NOTICE NO. 2026-532.2**

**Summary**

Amendment of ARM 37.70.311, 37.70.401, 37.70.402, 37.70.406, 37.70.407, 37.70.408, 37.70.601, 37.70.602, 37.70.607, and 37.70.608 pertaining to Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

**Previous Notice(s) and Hearing Information**

On February 6, 2026, the Department of Public Health and Human Services published MAR Notice No. 2026-532.1 pertaining to the public hearing on the proposed amendment of the above-stated rules in the 2026 Montana Administrative Register, Issue Number 3.

A hearing was held on February 27, 2026.

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**Final Rulemaking Action – The department intends for these rule amendments to be retroactively effective to July 1, 2025. A retroactive application of the rule amendment does not result in a negative impact to any affected party.**

**AMEND AS PROPOSED**

The agency has amended the following rules as proposed:

**37.70.311 PROCEDURES FOLLOWED IN PROCESSING APPLICATIONS AND VERIFIABLE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

**37.70.401 DEFINITIONS**

**37.70.402 GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN TYPES OF INDIVIDUALS AND HOUSEHOLDS**

**37.70.406 INCOME STANDARDS**

**37.70.407 EXCLUDED INCOME**

**37.70.408 RESOURCES**

**37.70.601 BENEFIT AWARD**

**37.70.602 BENEFIT AWARDS: MISCELLANEOUS**

**37.70.607 AMOUNT AND METHOD OF PAYMENT**

**37.70.608 ADJUSTMENT OF PAYMENTS TO AVAILABLE FUNDS**

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**Statement of Reasons**

No comments were received.

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**Approval**

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