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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

March 1, 2019
11:00 am

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS) will hold a public hearing to consider a proposal to amend the TANF State Plan and the DWSS Eligibility and Payments (E&P) Policy Manual to increase the TANF resource limits from \$6,000 total value of countable resources to \$10,000 and an increase from one exempt vehicle to two exempt vehicles per TANF assistance unit.

The hearing will be conducted in person and via videoconference at 11:00a.m. on Friday, March 1, 2019 at the following locations:

Division of Welfare and Supportive Services
1470 East College Parkway
Room 149
Carson City, NV 89706

Division of Welfare and Supportive Services
701 North Rancho Drive
Training Room 5
Las Vegas, NV 89106

This hearing will be conducted in accordance with NRS 241.020, Nevada’s Open Meeting Law.

If unable to attend in person, teleconferencing will be available. Please call in with one of the following numbers:

(702) 486-1777 (South)
(775) 684-0777 (North)
Access Code: 4800#

AGENDA

1.	Introduction of hearing process	Robert Thompson
2.	Introduction of proposed increase to the TANF resource limits	Robert Thompson
3.	Public comment on proposed amendments to the State Plan and Eligibility and Payments Manual to increase the resource limits	Public
4.	Adjournment	Robert Thompson

This proposal will change the TANF State Plan and Eligibility and Payments Policy Manual to allow an increased countable resource limit to \$10,000 and two exempt vehicles per TANF assistance unit.

“Working for the Welfare of ALL Nevadans”

Members of the public may make oral comments at this meeting. Persons wishing to submit written testimony or documentary evidence may submit the material to Kelly O'Meara, at the following address:

Nevada State Division of Welfare and Supportive Services

**1470 College Parkway
Carson City, NV 89706**

Or email the documents to: komeara@dwss.nv.gov

Persons wishing to comment are encouraged to appear in person on March 1, 2019.

MAILING DATE: January 16, 2019

A copy of the notice and draft of proposed State Plan and Eligibility and Payments Policy Manual amendments are on file for inspection and/or may be copied at the following locations during normal business hours:

Division of Welfare and Supportive Services
1470 College Parkway
Carson City, NV
Division of Welfare and Supportive Services
4220 S. Maryland Parkway, Suite 810, Bldg D
Las Vegas, NV

Nevada State Library and Archives
100 Stewart Street
Carson City, NV

A copy of the notice, draft of proposed State Plan and Eligibility and Payments Policy manual amendments can be found on the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services web page by going to: <https://dwss.nv.gov>

PUBLIC HEARING POSTING LOCATIONS:

Division of Public and Behavioral Health	4150 Technology Way	Carson City
DWSS Henderson	520 S. Boulder Highway	Las Vegas
DWSS Central Office	1470 College Parkway	Carson City
Elko DWSS Office	1020 Ruby Vista Drive, #101	Elko
Reno DWSS Office	4055 S. Virginia St.	Reno
Las Vegas Flamingo DWSS Office	3330 E. Flamingo, Suite 55	Las Vegas
Las Vegas Belrose DWSS Office	700 Belrose St.	Las Vegas
Legislative Counsel Bureau	401 S. Carson St.	Carson City
Grant Sawyer Building	555 E. Washington Ave.	Las Vegas

Copies may also be obtained from any of the public libraries listed below:

Carson City Library
900 North Roop Street
Carson City, NV 89702

Churchill County Library
553 South Main Street
Fallon, NV 89406

Clark County District Library
833 Las Vegas Boulevard North
Las Vegas, NV 89101

Douglas County Library
1625 Library Lane
Minden, NV 89423

Elko County Library
720 Court Street
Elko, NV 89801

Esmeralda County Library
Corner of Crook and 4th Street
Goldfield, NV 89013-0484

Eureka Branch Library
210 South Monroe Street
Eureka, NV 89316-0283

Henderson District Public Library
280 South Water Street
Henderson, NV 89105

Humboldt County Library
85 East 5th Street
Winnemucca, NV 89445-3095

Lander County Library
625 South Broad Street
Battle Mountain, NV 89820-0141

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Lincoln County Library
93 Maine Street
Pioche, NV 89043-0330

Lyon County Library
20 Nevin Way
Yerington, NV 89447-2399

Mineral County Library
110 1st Street
Hawthorne, NV 89415-1390

Pahrump Library District
701 East Street
Pahrump, NV 89041-0578

Pershing County Library
1125 Central Avenue
Lovelock, NV 89419-0781

Storey County Library
95 South R Street
Virginia City, NV 89440-0014

Tonopah Public Library
167 Central Street
Tonopah, NV 89049-0449

Washoe County Library
301 South Center Street
Reno, NV 89505-2151

White Pine County Library
950 Campton Street
Ely, NV 89301-1965

Per NRS 233B.064(2), upon adoption of any regulations, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person, either prior to adoption or within 30 days thereafter, shall issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption, and incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption.

In addition, this notice and any materials from past and present meetings are posted on the Division's website at <https://dwss.nv.gov>. Limited copies of this agenda will be available at the meeting locations. If you would like a copy of this Agenda or supporting documents please contact Kelly O'Meara at (775) 684-0504. Requests can also be sent via email: komeara@dwss.nv.gov.

*****IMPORTANT NOTICE*****

Mailing a copy of the DWSS public meeting agenda to any person who has requested one will not be continued unless a request for reinstatement on the mailing list is made every six months. NRS 241.020.

Persons with disabilities who require special accommodations or assistance at the meeting are requested to notify Kelly O'Meara at the Nevada Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, 1470 College Parkway, Carson City, Nevada 89706 or by calling (775) 684-0504 no later than five (5) working days before the public meeting.

You may contact Kelly O'Meara by calling 775-684-0504 for further information on the proposed regulations.

520 RESOURCE LIMITS

A household is ineligible if the total value of countable resources:

- Is over **\$610,000** per TANF assistance unit.

550 VEHICLES

550.1 Determining Vehicles as Countable Resources

Effective 4/1/2019, exempt ~~one~~two vehicles per TANF household.

**PROPOSED REGULATIONS
DIVISION OF WELFARE & SUPPORTIVE SERVICES
TANF STATE PLAN AND POLICY MANUAL**

**REGULATION ADOPTION PUBLIC HEARING
March 1, 2019**

Need and Purpose of Proposed Regulation:

The Division of Welfare & Supportive Services is responsible for administration of the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) block grant. Nevada is proposing an increase in the resource limits from \$6,000.00 total value of countable resources to \$10,000.00 and an increase from one exempt vehicle to two exempt vehicles per assistance unit.

Financial Impact:

The increase in resource limits may impact the TANF caseload by a decrease of 17 TANF denials/terminations per year.

Impact Upon Local Government:

None

PROPOSED STATE PLAN AND POLICY AMENDMENT

The Division of Welfare and Support Services (DWSS) proposes to amend the following TANF State Plan Section and DWSS Eligibility and Payments Manual Policy Section effective April 1, 2019.

TANF State Plan, page 11:

2.4 Need and Amount of Benefits

B. Resources

The amount of real and personal property that can be retained by the TANF household cannot exceed \$10,000.

Excluded resources include:

1. 2 vehicles.
2. Bona fide funeral agreements for each member of the TANF unit and one burial plot for each member of the TANF unit.
3. The home, including any contiguous land, which is the usual residence of the TANF unit that the head of household owns or is buying.
4. For 6 months, non-excludable real property that the family is making a good faith effort to sell. Good faith effort to sell is defined as any effort by the applicant/recipient to sell property for an amount within reason for the fair market value. Examples may be listing property with a real estate broker, placing advertisements, posting signs, and negotiating with prospective buyers.

5. Necessary non-liquid income-producing property to include stock, inventory, tools, equipment and other non-liquid income-producing property that are usual and customary for a given trade, profession or business.
6. Household goods and personal items.
7. All funds deposited to an Individual Development Account (IDA) and interest accrued on such funds.
8. Tax-preferred education accounts include Qualified Tuition programs described in Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and Coverdell education savings accounts under Section 530 of the same code. This includes the Nevada Prepaid Tuition Program and the UPROMISE College Fund 529 Plan.
9. Other exemptions as provided by relevant state and federal law.

DWSS Eligibility and Payments Manual Policy Sections A-520 and A-550.1:

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A household is ineligible if the total value of countable resources:

- Is over \$10,000 per TANF assistance unit

550 VEHICLES

550.1 Determining Vehicles as Countable Resources

Effective 4/1/2019, exempt two vehicles per TANF assistance unit.