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**PROPOSALS**

**AGENCY: 02-380 Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, State Board of Nursing**

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Ch. 14, Ethical Standards of Practice for Nurses**

**TYPE OF RULE:Routine Technical**

**PROPOSAL FILING NUMBER (formerly “Proposed Rule Number”): 2024-P341**

**BRIEF SUMMARY:** The proposed rule amends the previously proposed rule to incorporates ethical standards of practice for nurses by referencing the updated Code of Ethics for Nurses, 2025 Edition, Copyright ©2025, The American Nurses Association.

**PUBLIC HEARING** *(if any)*: None planned. Requests to hold a public hearing by any interested party may be submitted in writing to the identified agency contact person.

## **COMMENT DEADLINE:** May 9, 2025 at 4 PM

**CONTACT PERSON FOR THIS FILING:** Amanda L Boulay, Assistant Executive Director, State Board of Nursing, 158 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333- 0158, tel. (207) 287-1147, fax (207) 287-1149, amanda.boulay@maine.gov

**CONTACT PERSON FOR SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT** *(if different)*:

**FINANCIAL IMPACT ON MUNICIPALITIES OR COUNTIES** *(if any)*:

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THIS RULE:** 32 M.R.S. §§ 2105-A(2)(F) and 2153-A(1) **SUBSTANTIVE STATE OR FEDERAL LAW BEING IMPLEMENTED** *(if different)*:

**AGENCY WEBSITE:** <http://www.maine.gov/boardofnursing>

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### **AGENCY: 10-144 Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Family Independence**

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Ch. 609, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – Employment and Training (SNAP E&T) Rules (SNAP E&T Rule #8 – Provider Determination)**

### **TYPE OF RULE: Routine Technical**

### **PROPOSAL FILING NUMBER: 2025-P039**

### **BRIEF SUMMARY:** The Department proposes updates to 10-144 C.M.R. Chapter 609; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - Employment and Training (SNAP E&T) rules consistent with 7 C.F.R. § 273.7(c)(18). The proposed rule changes are intended to provide greater clarity on the SNAP E&T Provider Determination process. Clarifying language would be added to Section 7: PROVIDER DETERMINATION and a process that E&T Providers must assess Participant fitness for SNAP E&T and notify the State Agency when Participants are no longer suited.

Proposed rule changes to SECTION 8, PARTICIPANT REIMBURSEMENT SERVICES would create consistency with other Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Family Independence employment and training programs and the Maine Department of Labor Competitive Skills Scholarship Program by increasing caps on SUPPORT SERVICE LIMITS. The proposed mileage reimbursement rule change would be effective retroactive to November 1, 2024. Retroactive rulemaking is permissible under 22 M.R.S. § 42(8) as this update provides a benefit to SNAP E&T Recipients or beneficiaries and does not adversely impact applicants, Participants, beneficiaries, or providers.

In addition, the Department proposes non-substantive changes to the SNAP E&T 8 rules to improve readability and consistency.

**PUBLIC HEARING** *(if any)*: No public hearing is scheduled.

**COMMENT DEADLINE:** Monday, May 12, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. E.T.

Written public comments may be submitted via the link at <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/about/rulemaking>

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**CONTACT PERSON FOR SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT** *(if different)*: N/A.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT ON MUNICIPALITIES OR COUNTIES** *(if any)*: None anticipated.

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THIS RULE:** 22 M.R.S. § 42(1) and (8).

**SUBSTANTIVE STATE OR FEDERAL LAW BEING IMPLEMENTED** *(if different)*: 7 C.F.R. § 273.7(c)(18).

**AGENCY WEBSITE:** [https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi](https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/arules)

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**ADOPTIONS**

**AGENCY: 18-125 Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Maine Revenue Services**

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Ch. 202, Tree Growth Tax Law Valuations (2025)**

**ADOPTION FILING NUMBER: 2025-080**

**CONCISE SUMMARY:**

Maine Revenue Services has repealed and replaced Rule 202 (Tree Growth Tax Law Valuations – 2024). The replaced rule provides updated valuation rates for each forest type by region.

**EFFECTIVE DATE: Tuesday, April 8, 2025**

**AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:** Alex Weber, General Counsel

AGENCY NAME: Maine Revenue Services

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**AGENCY: 01-001 Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry**

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Ch. 38, Rules for Operation of the Farmers Drought Relief Fund**

**ADOPTION FILING NUMBER: 2025-081**

**CONCISE SUMMARY:**

The rules implement the Farmers Drought Relief Fund and provide procedures for application, review criteria, and payment limitations for grants to provide agricultural water management plans and development of agricultural water sources such as wells and water storage ponds.

**EFFECTIVE DATE: Tuesday, April 8, 2025**

**AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:** Shannon Ayotte

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**AGENCY:** **10-144 Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Family Independence**

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Ch. 301, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Rules** **(Alpha Index, Table of Contents,** **Sections 1, 111-2, 222-5, 222-6, 444-1, 444-4, 444-8, 555-3, and 999-1; SNAP Rule #227 - Noncitizen Language)**

**ADOPTION FILING NUMBER: 2025-082**

**CONCISE SUMMARY:**

The adopted rule clarifies program requirements in Sections 1, 111-2, 222-5, 222-6, 444-1, 444-4, 444-8, 555-3 for SNAP applicants and recipients as well as Department staff pertaining to citizenship and noncitizen eligibility consistent with 7 C.F.R. § 273.2(f)(ii). Throughout the adopted rule’s open sections and Table of Contents “Noncitizens” replaces “aliens.” The adopted rule makes continued non-substantive changes to improve the readability and inclusivity of the manual. In addition, the adopted rule removes Code of Federal Register (C.F.R.) citations in the headers of open sections as these citations are unnecessary and are identified within the sections as applicable.

Eligibility for citizens of Compact of Free Association nations are added consistent with the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2024.

**See** [**https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/about/rulemaking**](https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/about/rulemaking) **for rules and related rulemaking documents.**

**EFFECTIVE DATE: Tuesday, April 8, 2025**

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