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PROPOSALS

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 (Section 111-7; SNAP Rule #238 - ABAWD Update)

TYPE OF RULE: Routine Technical

PROPOSAL FILING NUMBER: 2025-P034

BRIEF SUMMARY: The Department proposes routine technical changes to amend 10-144 C.M.R. Chapter 301; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Program Rules to ensure consistency with 7 C.F.R. § 273.24(c).

Based on recent guidance from the U.S.D.A. - Food and Nutrition Services (F.N.S.), the Department determined it necessary to update Section 111-7, 1(B)(3) to clarify that an individual is no longer an Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) "As of October 1, 2024, beginning the month they turn fifty-five (55) years of age." Retroactive rulemaking is permissible under 22 M.R.S. § 42(8)(A) as this update is necessary to comply with federal requirements, provides a benefit to SNAP recipients and does not adversely impact applicants, participants, beneficiaries, or providers.

In addition, the proposed rule would make non-substantive changes to:

- For consistency with other sections within this rule, ages would be identified as numbers and written ages would be removed;
- Correct typographical errors in 2(A)(2) and 5(B) where TAA would replace TRA;
- Remove Code of Federal Register (C.F.R.) citations in the header of Section 111-7, as the citations are unnecessary, are identified within the sections as applicable, and consistent with other Sections within the SNAP Rules; and
- SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) RULES would replace Food Supplement Program in the Section 111-7 header as this term is no longer applicable.

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

COMMENT DEADLINE: Monday, April 28, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

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); 3104; and 7 C.F.R. 273.24(c).

SUBSTANTIVE STATE OR FEDERAL LAW BEING IMPLEMENTED (*if different*): P.L. 118-5.

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ADOPTIONS

AGENCY: 03-201 Maine Department of Corrections

CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Ch. 1, Detention and Correctional Standards for Maine Counties and Municipalities

ADOPTION FILING NUMBER: 2025-056

CONCISE SUMMARY:

The following are the adopted amendments, which are expected to improve jail security operations, enhance inmate safety, provide for better care and treatment of inmates, especially transferred inmates, and help jails better manage their population numbers:

Standard C.12. clarifies that a count requires the observation of living breathing flesh and that staff performing a count must immediately notify their supervisor if they do not observe that or if an inmate is missing.

Standard D.3. adds that staff supervising inmates must notify their supervisor and take immediate action to protect an inmate's safety if the inmate is not responsive.

Standards J.2. and J.4. allow a jail to contract with a third party vendor to process and deliver incoming mail, other than legal mail, when there are safety concerns related to the introduction of contraband by incoming mail and to allow extra time for the delivery of incoming mail, other than legal mail.

Standard K.16 requires that a jail which is proposing to transfer an inmate to another detention or correctional facility or to a state psychiatric facility, or which has transferred an inmate, provide to the receiving facility a summary of treatment and care that has been provided in the jail, including any court paperwork related to treatment, and to require that additional information be provided upon request.

Standard K.19 requires that reports of inmate participation in medication-assisted treatment be submitted to the Department of Corrections on a quarterly basis using the reporting form required by the Department.

Standard P.9 sets out the criteria for determining a jail's rated capacity.

Standard P.31 cautions against a jail exceeding its rated capacity and suggests that certain steps be considered if a jail exceeds or is at risk of exceeding its rated capacity.

Standard P.32 prohibits a jail from refusing to accept an arrested individual except as set out in Standard E.2. (which relates to a person who is unconscious or shows sign of or complains of other serious injury or wounds).

EFFECTIVE DATE: Monday, March 24, 2025

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AGENCY: 01-015 Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Maine Milk Commission

CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Ch. 29, Dealer Margins
ADOPTION FILING NUMBER: 2025-060

CONCISE SUMMARY:

The principal reason for this rulemaking is to update dealer margins. The margins adopted in this rule reflect the current cost of milk processing in Maine and will be used by the Maine Milk Commission in monthly milk price-setting discussions and deliberations at the monthly meetings.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Sunday, March 23, 2025

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AGENCY: 01-015 Maine Milk Commission, Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Ch. 3, Schedule of Minimum Prices (Order#04-25)
ADOPTION FILING NUMBER: 2025-062

CONCISE SUMMARY:

The Minimum April 2025 Class I price is \$22.82/cwt. plus \$1.63/cwt. for Producer Margins, an over-order premium of \$1.04/cwt as prevailing in Southern New England, and a \$0.47/cwt. handling fee, for a total of **\$26.16/cwt.**, which includes a **\$0.20/cwt** Federal promotion fee.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Sunday, March 30, 2025

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AGENCY: 10-144 Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Health Insurance Marketplace
CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Ch. 740, Easy Enrollment Program
ADOPTION FILING NUMBER: 2025-063

CONCISE SUMMARY:

The Easy Enrollment Program is established and authorized by 22 M.R.S. §5412 to identify residents of the State of Maine who are uninsured but qualify for benefits under the MaineCare program or a qualified health plan in the marketplace. This rule is being written to establish the processes and procedures to enable the Office of the Health Insurance Marketplace to identify taxpayers and/or members of the taxpayers' household who are uninsured and interested in learning about health coverage options for which they may be eligible or who are provisionally assessed as eligible, including MaineCare or a qualified health plan through the Marketplace. The rule establishes the process for provisionally assessing eligibility and the process for informing tax filers of their insurance options. It also outlines the process for issuing the special enrollment period for qualified tax filers and/or their household members. Finally, it establishes the process for conducting outreach to households with members who may be eligible for MaineCare or a qualified health plan in the marketplace.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Wednesday, March 26, 2025

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AGENCY: 99-650 Combat Sports Authority of Maine
CHAPTER NUMBERS AND TITLES:

Ch. 1, General Rules for Kickboxing Contests

- Ch. 2, Technical Requirements for Kickboxing Contests**
- Ch. 3, Judging/Refereeing Kickboxing Contests**
- Ch. 4, Rules Governing Judging for Kickboxing Contests**
- Ch. 5, Rules Governing Referees for Kickboxing Contests**
- Ch. 6, Rules Governing Promoters of Kickboxing Contests**
- Ch. 7, Requirements for Kickboxers**
- Ch. 8, Rules Governing Managers, Trainers, Seconds, Cutpersons, Scorekeepers, and Cornerpersons for Kickboxing Contests**
- Ch. 9, Rules Governing Attending Physicians for Kickboxing**
- Ch. 10, Rules Governing Inspectors for Kickboxing Contests**
- Ch. 11, Rules Governing Timekeepers for Kickboxing Contests**

ADOPTION FILING NUMBERS: 2025-064 (Ch. 1), 2025-065 (Ch. 2), 2025-066 (Ch. 3), 2025-067 (Ch. 4), 2025-068 (Ch. 5), 2025-069 (Ch. 6), 2025-070 (Ch. 7), 2025-071 (Ch. 8), 2025-072 (Ch. 9), 2025-073 (Ch. 10), 2025-074 (Ch. 11)

CONCISE SUMMARY:

These routine technical rules provide comprehensive regulatory oversight for kickboxing competitions occurring in Maine. The rules set forth requirements for certification and regulation of competitors, promoters, and other participants in kickboxing competitions. The Authority will enforce the rules through certification, *i.e.*, the licensing process, maintenance of a presence at events, and its ability to sanction violation of its rules or statutes.

The rules establish standards for all phases of a kickboxing events, including participants' conduct during weigh-ins and fights; venue specification; refereeing; judging; promoters' responsibilities; and qualifications for fighters, trainers, seconds, attending physicians, inspectors, and timekeepers. They include provisions specifically designed to protect fighters' safety with, among other things, medical examinations and drug testing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Wednesday, March 26, 2025

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