

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

The New Mexico Office of Family Representation and Advocacy Commission (“Commission”) gives notice of its initiation of a formal rulemaking to promulgate rule Title 8, Chapter 7, Part 2 of the New Mexico Administrative Code, entitled “Rulemaking.”

Summary and concise statement of proposed rule: The Office of Family Representation and Advocacy (OFRA) Commission proposes to adopt 8.7.2 NMAC, establishing procedures for rulemaking. This rule sets forth requirements for drafting, public notice, comment, hearing, adoption, filing, and publication of rules governing OFRA operations. It ensures transparency and compliance with the State Rules Act and Administrative Law Division guidance. The rule applies to all rulemaking actions by the Commission, including emergency rules, and mandates maintenance of a complete rulemaking record.

Legal authority: Section 32A-27-8 (D), NMSA 1978.

How a copy of the full text of the proposed rule amendments may be obtained: A copy of the full text of the proposed rule and instructions on how to access the complete rulemaking record, reports, and any other pertinent information may be obtained from the Office of Family Representation and Advocacy’s website at <https://www.ofra.nm.gov/>.

How a person may comment on the proposed rule amendments, where comments will be received, and when comments are due: Written comments may be filed no later than **October 14, 2026**.

Written comments may be mailed to:

Office of Family Representation and Advocacy
500 Marquette Ave. NW Suite #800
ATTN: Beth Gillia
Albuquerque NM, 87102

Written comments may also be emailed to:

lisa.fitting@ofra.nm.gov

The record of this case closes on **October 15, 2026**. From that date through the completion of this proceeding, rulemaking participants shall be forbidden from communicating with the Commission or its representatives concerning substantive issues in this proceeding.

When and where a public rule hearing will be held and how a person may participate in the hearing: A public hearing on the proposed rule and any proposed alternatives, to be presided over by the Commission or its designee, shall be held beginning at **1:00 P.M. on October 14, 2026, at the Office of Family Representation and Advocacy office located at 500 Marquette Ave NW Suite #800, Albuquerque NM, 87102**, and via the Zoom video-conferencing platform.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89960566206?pwd=7vw9y0aFPaZ9KnDvnUiaEbGOHkgtI.1>

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Join instructions

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The Commission will email a Zoom invitation to all commenters. The Zoom invitation will include a call-in number for those commenters who are unable to access Zoom's video-conferencing platform. The public comment hearing will be held to receive oral comments concerning this rulemaking proceeding. All commenters may be limited in time to speak, subject to the discretion of the Commission or its designee. No testimony or other evidence shall be taken at the hearing. The hearing be recorded and a verbatim transcript will be prepared. Any person with a disability requiring special assistance to participate in the hearing should contact Lisa Fitting at lisa.fitting@ofra.nm.gov or 505-538-0134 as soon as possible prior to the commencement of the hearing.

Technical information that served as a basis for the proposed rule amendments and how the information can be obtained: Not applicable.

Order Issuing NOPR

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