

**Department of Human Services
Interim Health Services Committee
Senator Lee, Chairman
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Chairman Lee, members of the Interim Health Services Committee, I am Carol Cartledge, Director of the Economic Assistance Division, for the Department of Human Services (Department). Attached are responses to SNAP retailer questions from the November 2015 Health Services Committee. In addition, I am here today to provide the following:

1. Asset limits by program.
2. [Chart](#) demonstrating the effects economic assistance programs have on one another.
3. Map of employed participants sorted by program and by regions for [SFY 2014](#) and [SFY 2015](#).
4. Chart of monthly earnings by program for [SFY 2014](#) and [SFY 2015](#).
5. Chart of TANF activity hours for [SFY 2014](#) and [SFY 2015](#).
6. Chart comparing federal poverty level (FPL) and state median income (SMI) for [Child Care Assistance Program](#) and [Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program](#).

The asset limits for economic assistance are as follows:

- Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) - \$1 million dollar asset limit set by federal law change that must be implemented by October 1, 2016. Currently, no asset.
- Healthy Steps – No asset limit allowed.
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) - \$10,000 per household plus an additional \$5,000 for each household member 60 years of age and over. Asset limit set by the LIHEAP

policy. LIHEAP federal law does not require an asset limit for eligibility.

- Medicaid - Children and Family households and Medicaid expansion individuals – No asset limit allowed. Aged, blind and disabled households have an asset limit of \$3,000 for one person; \$6,000 for two-person household; and \$25 for each additional person. Federal law requires an asset test with the asset limit set by state law (NDAC).
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
 - \$3,250 for households with an individual 60 years of age or older or disabled member.
 - \$2,250 for all other households.
 - Households in receipt of TANF, Social Security Income (SSI), combination of TANF and SSI, or households that receive TANF information and referral services (also known as categorical eligibility) do not have an asset test.
 - SNAP asset limits are set by federal law.
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program - \$3,000 for one person; \$6,000 for two-person household; and \$25 for each additional person. The asset limit is set by state law (NDCC).

For LIHEAP, Medicaid, SNAP and TANF, the home the members of the household or individual resides in and one vehicle are exempt from asset consideration.

The attached charts and maps will be covered and explained.

This concludes my testimony and I would be happy to answer any questions.