

The New Mexico Human Services Department Medical Assistance Division is providing these notices for the purpose of receiving comments on proposed Medicaid rate increases for some behavioral health services, for new school services, for rate additions for outpatient hospital reimbursement, and for a review of the Medicaid existing fee schedules. The behavioral health increases will be implemented effective January 1, 2015. The proposed change would increase the rates for several behavioral health codes by 5% above the existing rates. These are for very specific services including diagnostic interviews, individual and family psychotherapy, intensive outpatient, assertive community therapy, and some psychosocial rehabilitation services. The proposed fee schedule amounts may be found on the HSD website by going to:

<http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/providers/fee-schedules.aspx>

Accept the terms and conditions of using the site, and then see the section “Proposed Behavioral Health Fee Schedule Rate Increase for Selected Codes 1.2015.pdf.” The increase in expenditures to the Medicaid Program is anticipated to be \$6.9 million, including costs under managed care plans, of which approximately \$4.8 million will come from federal matching funds.

The Department is also receiving comments on proposed rate additions for school based speech/audiology rehabilitation. These additions will be implemented January 1, 2015. The increase in expenditures to the Medicaid Program is anticipated to be \$250,000 of which approximately \$175,000 will come from federal matching funds. Should the Department revise the proposed rates based on comments received, the Department will make retroactive payment adjustments as appropriate. The proposed fee schedule amounts may be found on the HSD website by going to:

<http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/providers/fee-schedules.aspx>

Accept the terms and conditions of using the site, and then see the section “Proposed Speech Audiology Rehab Rate Additions 1.2015.

The New Mexico Human Services Department Medical Assistance Division is also receiving comments on proposed rate additions for the outpatient hospital prospective payment system (OPPS) fee schedule. These will be implemented effective January 1, 2015. This schedule is adjusted every January 1 to make necessary changes due to changes in the Medicare OPPS payment rates. The changes are not expected to increase or decrease overall payment amounts made under OPPS. The complete list of codes and changes may be found on the same website indicated above, under proposed OPPS rates for January 1, 2015.

All existing rates for professional services for HCPC codes, CPT codes, including other Behavioral Health services are available under the link to fee schedules, above, and the Department will receive comments on those payment rates as well.

Recorded comments may be left at (505) 827-7743. Interested persons may also address comments via electronic mail to: cecelia.salazar@state.nm.us. Written mail, electronic mail and recorded comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. MST on January 29, 2015.