

The State of New Mexico Human Services Department (HSD) is accepting written comments through December 15, 2014, regarding its Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Developmental Disabilities Waiver (DDW) Amendment (DDW Amendment). The DDW program provides home and community-based services to eligible recipients who meet both financial eligibility and an Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID) level of care criteria. The goal of the DDW program is to serve an eligible recipient in his or her community as an alternative to him or her being institutionalized.

**The key components of proposed changes under the DDW Amendment are as follows:**

1. Increase provider rates for Customized In-Home Supports, Customized Community Supports, and Supported Employment - (Appendix J)
2. Increase the number of eligible recipients served through DDW for waiver years 4 and 5 - (Appendices B and J).
3. Revise the Critical Incident Reporting Processes - (Appendix G).
4. Include the Transition Plan related to the CMS Final Rule 2249-F/2296-F - (Attachment 2 and Appendix C).
5. Update the HSD Administrative Hearing process - (Appendix F-1).

**Impact:** *HSD does not anticipate a service or financial impact to DDW eligible recipients or their healthcare providers with the DDW Amendment.*

**Public Comment and Testimony Opportunities**

Further information can be found on the HSD webpage at:

<http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/public-notices-proposed-rule-and-waiver-changes-and-opportunities-to-comment.aspx>.

**Written comments must be submitted by**

**5:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time (MST) on December 15, 2014**

by mail to: Cecilia Salazar, Human Services Department, Medical Assistance Division, Program Policy & Integrity Bureau, P.O. Box 2348, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504. Recorded messages may be left at (505) 827-7743 or toll free at (888) 997-2583 asking for extension 7-7743. Emails may be directed to: [Cecelia.Salazar@state.nm.us](mailto:Cecelia.Salazar@state.nm.us).

**A public hearing on the proposed DDW Amendment is scheduled to be held at the Toney Anaya Building, in the Rio Grande Room, Santa Fe, New Mexico on December 15, 2014 @ 11 a.m. MST.**