

Published in the Albuquerque Journal on Thursday February 05, 2015

The Human Services Department (the Department), Medical Assistance Division (MAD), is accepting written comments through March 9, 2015 regarding its proposed amendments to the Medicaid State Plan to update the integrated and streamlined application for Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and other health insurance affordability programs. These amendments to the State Plan are required under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and it is the Department's intent to submit the amendments to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on March 31, 2015. The Department is proposing to implement the new application process in March of 2015. The Department does not anticipate a negative service or financial impact to individuals or health care providers with these proposed amendments. ACA requires a number of changes to simplify, in particular, the Medicaid enrollment process. The Department proposes to implement this application process to facilitate the enrollment for Medicaid, CHIP, and other insurance affordability programs, as well as Supplemental Nutritional Assistance (SNAP), Cash Assistance and Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) programs. These proposed amendments incorporate feedback received from stakeholders. Copies of the draft amendments, the proposed application and accompanying screen shots from the YES New Mexico online application are posted on the Department's website at: <http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/public-notices-proposed-rule-and-waiver-changes-and-opportunities-to-comment.aspx>. If you do not have Internet access, please contact Cecelia Salazar at 505 827-7743 for assistance. Written comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time (MDT) on March 9, 2015 by mail to: Cecilia Salazar, Human Services Department, Medical Assistance Division, Program Policy & Integrity Bureau, P.O. Box 2348, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2348 or by email to Cecelia.Salazar@state.nm.us. Journal: February 5, 2015