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The New Mexico Human Services Department's Medical Assistance Division (MAD) is submitting the following five state plan amendments (SPAs) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). This is an opportunity for interested parties to comment on the state plan amendments. Providers and interested parties may view the state plan amendments on the HSD website (<http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/>) by scrolling over to "Looking for Information" and selecting "General Information" from the menu on the left side. From the drop-down list, click on "State Plans and Reports" and then on "Medical Assistance Division State Plan" which links to the following web page: <http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/LookingForInformation/medical-assistance-division-state-plan.aspx>. The first State Plan Amendment (containing documents ABP1 through ABP 11) will define the Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP) that will be available to newly Medicaid eligible adults (Medicaid category of eligibility [COE] 100) beginning January 1, 2014. The ABP will be available through both fee-for-service and managed care. Native Americans that are eligible for the ABP will not be required to enroll in managed care. The ABP coverage will include the essential health benefits defined in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) and the current Medicaid adult dental benefit. The essential health benefits are: ambulatory patient services, emergency services, hospitalization, maternity care, behavioral health and substance abuse treatment, prescription drugs, rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices, lab and x-ray services, preventive and wellness services and chronic disease management, and pediatric services (for individuals age 19-20). The proposed ABP will include the full array of Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) program benefits for individuals under the age of 21. COE 100 recipients will be able to self identify as medically frail. If determined to be medically frail, the recipient may choose to have Medicaid state plan benefits rather than the benefits of the ABP. Anticipated Budget Impact: The total expenditures for this new Medicaid adult group is estimated to be \$325 million in the current state fiscal year and \$893 million in the following fiscal year. The alternative benefit plan payments are 100% federally funded for the first two years of implementation (2014-2015) regardless if the recipients are under the Alternative Benefit Plan or the Medicaid State Plan. There is no cost to the state except administrative expenses. The second State Plan Amendment (SPA 13-15) is Final Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) Claiming for the New Adult Group. This SPA is required by 42 CFR 433.206(h), which requires a state that wishes to claim expenditures at the increased FMAP rates made available under the ACA for the New Adult Group (COE 100) to submit a SPA describing its methodology for determining which expenditures may be claimed at the higher FMAP rates. This is a technical change with no anticipated financial impact. The third State Plan Amendment (13-27) is the Single State Agency (documents A1-A3). This is a required submission that re-designates the Human Services Department (HSD) as the single state agency administering the Medicaid (Title XIX) program for receipt of federal funds. This SPA provides the statutory citations for this designation, describes the high-level organizational structure of HSD and the Medical Assistance Division, and indicates that HSD is the only entity that performs Medicaid eligibility determinations and fair hearings in New Mexico. This is a technical change with no anticipated financial impact. The fourth State Plan Amendment is for Cost-Sharing (14-02, Attachment 4.18A). This SPA will implement new copayment requirements for certain Medicaid recipients and for certain Medicaid services. There is no anticipated financial impact to the state. The final State Plan Amendment is for the Payment of Prescribed Drugs (14-01). This SPA will implement new payment methodologies for prescribed

medications. Anticipated Budget Impact: The total per fiscal year impact is estimated to be \$351 thousand. Based on this estimate, the state share is not expected to exceed \$108 thousand. The effective date of all proposed state plan amendments is retroactive to January 1, 2014. The Medical Assistance Division will receive comments on the proposed state plan amendment through March 15, 2014, to allow sufficient time for interested parties to submit comments. The Medical Assistance Division will review all comments and shall notify providers of any changes that are made due to the comments. Copies of all comments will be made available by the Medical Assistance Division upon request by providing copies directly to a requestor or by making them available on the MAD website or at a location within the county of the requestor. Contact the Medical Assistance Division as indicated below. Written or e-mailed comments are preferred because they become part of the record associated with this change. E-mail comments may be sent to: [Emily.Floyd@state.nm.us](mailto:Emily.Floyd@state.nm.us) Written comments may be sent to Program Policy and Integrity Bureau, HSD/Medical Assistance Division, PO Box 2348, Santa Fe, NM 87504-2348. You may contact the Program Policy and Integrity Bureau at (505) 827-3152. Journal: February 3, 2014