



Published in the Albuquerque Journal on Saturday March 01, 2014

The New Mexico Human Services Department's Medical Assistance Division (MAD) is submitting state plan amendments (SPAs) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to remove all language referring to the Sole Community Provider Fund. The Sole Community Provider Fund has been replaced by the Safety Net Care Pool as established in the Centennial Care waiver and higher Medicaid rates for the former sole community hospitals. Some of these changes were required by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). With one funding program replacing another, HSD does not anticipate an overall increase or decrease in annual aggregate expenditures. Providers and interested parties may view the state plan amendments on the HSD website (<http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/>) by scrolling over "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 effective date of all proposed state plan amendments is January 1, 2014, the date the Centennial Care waiver was implemented. The Medical Assistance Division will receive comments on the proposed state plan amendment through March 28, 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 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: March 1, 2014