December 21, 2018

Dear Interested Parties:

The Human Services Department (HSD), through the Medical Assistance Division (MAD), is providing this notice of opportunity to comment on State Plan Amendments (SPAs) 18-006 and 18-007, which add new behavioral health and substance use disorder (SUD) services to the Medicaid benefit package effective January 1, 2019. These new services will be added to both the traditional Medicaid State Plan benefit package, as well as to the Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP) benefit package offered to the Medicaid Adult Expansion population.

The new services that are being added to the State Plan and ABP benefit packages are:

1. Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) for substance use, anxiety, trauma and depression;
2. Additional validated screening services for substance use and mental health in setting such as, but not limited to, drug courts, juvenile justice systems, Indian Health Service (IHS) and Tribal 638 programs, and early childhood settings;
3. Peer Support and Family Peer Support services;
4. Dyadic therapy for a baby or child diagnosed with a behavioral health condition or at risk because of the caregiver’s behavioral health condition;
5. Withdrawal management (detoxification) in an outpatient setting;
6. Outpatient crisis stabilization community centers;
7. Intensive outpatient programs for both substance use and mental illness;
8. New conditions for partial hospitalization to include ages 14 and older and individuals with a severe substance use disorder as qualifying conditions for admission;
9. Accredited Residential Treatment Center (ARTC) services for adults with a substance use disorder;
10. Crisis Triage Centers (CTCs), including both outpatient and inpatient CTCs; and
11. Medically managed intensive inpatient withdrawal management and rehabilitation in an Institution for Mental Disease (IMD).

The total fiscal impact of these additions to the benefit package is approximately $4 million total ($1 million in state general funds).

OPPORTUNITY TO VIEW DOCUMENTS AND MAKE COMMENTS

Medicaid providers, Medicaid recipients, and other interested parties are invited to make comments on these SPAs. The complete SPAs may be found on the Department’s website at http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/2017-comment-period-open.aspx. All comments must be received no later than 5:00pm Mountain Time (MT) on January 27, 2019.
A copy of these proposed documents may be requested by contacting the HSD Medical Assistance Division in Santa Fe at (505) 827-6252.

Recorded comments may be left by calling (505) 827-1337. Electronic comments may be submitted to madrules@state.nm.us. Written or e-mailed comments are preferred because they become part of the record associated with these changes. All written comments will be posted as they are received on the HSD website at http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/2017-comment-period-open.aspx. The public posting will include the name and any contact information provided by the commenter. Written comments may be sent to:

Human Services Department  
Office of the Secretary  
ATTN: Medical Assistance Division Public Comments  
P.O. Box 2348  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2348

Copies of all comments will be made available by HSD/MAD upon request after February 20, 2019.