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The New Mexico Human Services Department Medical Assistance Division is providing notice of proposed targeted access payments (TAPs).

Effective July 1, 2020, the New Mexico Human Services Department proposes to implement targeted access payments for Safety-Net Care Pool (SNCP) hospitals. TAPs are made based on a calculation of what the SNCP hospital received in prior year uncompensated care (UC) payments compared to the hospital access payments (HAP) the SNCP hospital will receive. The HAP program, which is paid based on inpatient/outpatient utilization, replaced the UC program for CY20. Targeted access payments are designed to ensure access at SNCP hospitals during the transition from the UC program to the HAP program. TAPs are restricted based on upper payment limit (UPL) analysis and will be made quarterly only for the CY20 period. Thereafter, TAPs will cease, and only hospital access payments will be made.

The anticipated annual fiscal impact to HSD for this change is estimated to be \$15.6 million in state and federal funds combined, with a state general fund impact of \$4.1 million.

### **OPPORTUNITY TO VIEW DOCUMENTS AND MAKE COMMENTS**

Medicaid providers, Medicaid recipients, and other interested parties may submit written comments directly to: Human Services Department, ATTN: Medical Assistance Division Public Comments, P.O. Box 2348, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2348. Recorded comments may be left at (505) 827-1337. Interested persons may also address comments via electronic mail to: [madrules@state.nm.us](mailto:madrules@state.nm.us). All comments must be received no later than **5:00 pm Mountain Time, September 11, 2020**.

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