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The New Mexico Human Services Department (HSD) Medical Assistance Division is providing notice of opportunity to comment on proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) 20-0016 which eliminates the resource standard for certain Medicare Savings Program (MSP) categories of eligibility.

Effective January 1, 2021, the New Mexico Human Services Department proposes to eliminate the resource standard for the following MSP categories: Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (QMB), Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiaries (SLIMB) and Qualified Individuals (QI1). This change will enable more low-income individuals to access assistance through MSP categories so that Medicare is more affordable. This change also streamlines the administrative burden for MSP applicants and the Income Support Division as there will be no resource standards. The change will allow HSD to simplify renewals of MSP categories through implementation of an automated ex-parte process that allows for seamless transition from Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) categories to MSP categories.

The anticipated annual fiscal impact for this change is estimated to be \$753,000, with a state general fund impact of \$181,000.

### **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, November 21, 2020**.

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