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The New Mexico Human Services Department (HSD) Medical Assistance Division is providing this notice of opportunity to comment on proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) 20-0020, which increases Air Ambulance rates.

Effective November 15, 2020, HSD proposes to increase rates for Air Ambulance to seventy-five percent of the current Medicare Air Ambulance fee schedule. Air Ambulance rates have not changed since 2008; however, operating costs have increased, which has put a burden on Medicaid providers. The proposed increases are intended to offset expenses to Medicaid providers while providing needed funds for critical life-saving services.

The HCPCS codes affected by the rate increases are as follows:

- **A0430** - AMBULANCE SERVICE, CONVENTIONAL AIR SERVICES, TRANSPORT, ONE WAY (FIXED WING)
- **A0431** - AMBULANCE SERVICE, CONVENTIONAL AIR SERVICES, TRANSPORT, ONE WAY (ROTARY WING)
- **A0436** - ROTARY WING AIR MILEAGE, PER STATUTE MILE

Current and proposed rates are as follows:

Procedure Code	Medicaid Rate	Medicare Rate	Percent of Medicare	New Rate
A0430	\$1,836.38	\$3,147.90	75%	\$2,360.93
A0431	\$2,025.70	\$3,659.90	75%	\$2,744.93
A0436	\$10.63	\$23.83	75%	\$17.87

The anticipated annual fiscal impact to HSD for this change is estimated to be \$6.6 million in state and federal funds combined, with a state general fund impact of \$1.3 million. This expenditure includes both fee-for-service and managed care organizations (MCOs).

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. All comments must be received no later than **5:00 pm Mountain Time, December 14, 2020**.

If you are a person with a disability and you require this information in an alternative format, please contact MAD at (505) 827-1337. The Department requests at least 10 working days advance notice to provide alternative formats and special accommodations.