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Interested Parties:

The New Mexico Human Services Department, through the Medical Assistance Division (MAD), is providing this notice of opportunity to comment on proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) 20-0022. This SPA will change the FQHC designation effective January 31, 2021. This change in designation will allow an Indian Health Care Provider (IHCP) meeting the P.L. 93-638 requirement to designate their healthcare clinic as a FQHC, without meeting any other requirement. The change in designation may be requested; it will not be automatic.

For services provided to Native Americans by a qualified facility operated by the Indian Health Service (IHS), tribal government(s), or IHCP, the applicable Office of Management and Budget (OMB) rate will be paid as published and specified in the Federal Register.

For qualified facilities operated by Indian Health Care Providers that contract with the Medicaid agency as a FQHC, an alternative payment method (APM) is allowed. The APM rate for services provided by an IHCP is set at the OMB rate.

The estimated financial impact is \$700,593 (in federal funds) for FFY 21 and \$1,069,806 (in federal funds) for FFY 22.

OPPORTUNITY TO VIEW DOCUMENTS AND MAKE COMMENTS

Medicaid providers, Medicaid recipients, and other interested parties are invited to make comments on this proposed SPA. The complete draft amendment may be found on the Department's website at: <https://www.hsd.state.nm.us/2017-comment-period-open.aspx>

A written copy of these proposed documents may be requested by contacting the HSD Medical Assistance Division (HSD/MAD) in Santa Fe at (505) 827-1337.

Recorded comments may be left by calling (505) 827-1337. Electronic comments may be submitted to madrules@state.nm.us. **All comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. MT on January 30, 2021.** Written or e-mailed comments are preferred because they become part of the record associated with these changes.

Interested persons may address written comments 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 by providing copies directly to a requestor or by making them available on the HSD/MAD website or at a location within the county of the requestor.