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Interested Parties:

The New Mexico Human Services Department (HSD), through the Medical Assistance Division (MAD), is providing this notice of opportunity to comment on proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) 21-0001 Indian Health Service and Tribal 638 Pharmacy Payment.

Effective March 1, 2021, payment to all Indian Health Service and Tribal 638 pharmacies shall be at the All-Inclusive Rate (AIR) published annually in the Federal Register. One AIR reimbursement shall be made for each pharmacy claim and is not limited to a certain number of prescriptions per day. Submission of a pharmacy claim means that the Medicaid recipient received at least one drug item dispensed from the pharmacy, whether a new item or a refill.

The applicable AIR shall be determined by the date of service submitted on the pharmacy claim. Pharmacies reimbursed using the AIR will not be eligible for a professional dispensing fee.

The AIR for pharmacy services may be billed in addition to the AIR for other outpatient facility medical or behavioral health services that are provided on the same day.

The estimated financial impact is \$50,939,513 (in federal funds) for FFY 21 and \$87,324,880 (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.