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Interested Parties:

The New Mexico Human Services Department (HSD) Medical Assistance Division is providing this notice of opportunity to comment on proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) 21-0006 Targeted Access Payments (TAPs).

Effective July 1, 2021, the New Mexico Human Services Department proposes to implement TAPs for Safety-Net Care Pool (SNCP) hospitals. TAPs are made based on the upper payment limit (UPL) demonstration. SNCP hospitals will be eligible for payments up to their UPL room as defined in their UPL analysis. TAPs are restricted based on UPL analysis and will be made annually. Medicaid fee-for-service utilization is required to be eligible for TAPs.

The anticipated annual fiscal impact to HSD for this change is estimated to be \$23 million in state and federal funds combined, with a state general fund impact of \$4.6 million.

### **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/public-information-and-communications/opportunity-for-public-comment/public-notice-proposed-waiver-changes-and-opportunities-to-comment/comment-period-open/>

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](mailto:madrules@state.nm.us). All comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time (MT) on **May 14, 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.