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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 a proposed Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State Plan Amendment (SPA) 21-0009, which updates the original March 1999 state plan.

Effective October 1, 2021 the New Mexico Human Services Department proposes to implement updates to outdated language and include new strategic objectives, performance goals and plan administration to the CHIP SPA. The changes will align language with current eligibility standards for the state's Medicaid mandatory and optional eligibility groups under Title XXI of the Social Security Act Section 1902 (e)(14), 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 457.40 (b) and provisions of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). This amendment does not make changes to eligibility, benefits or payment methodology. There is no anticipated financial impact.

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. All comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time (MT) on **August 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.