

Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor David R. Scrase, M.D., Secretary Nicole Comeaux, J.D., M.P.H, Director

March 7, 2022

Mr. Bill Brooks, Medicaid Associate Regional Administrator Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services 1301 Young Street Dallas, Texas 75202

Dear Mr. Brooks:

Enclosed please find documents related to New Mexico State Plan Amendment (SPA) 21-0004 Medicaid School-Based Services.

Effective July 1, 2022, the Human Services Department will cover services provided by school districts and Local Education Agencies (LEAs) through a Section 504 Accommodation Plan pursuant to 34 C.F.R. 104.36, an Individual Health Care Plan, or are otherwise medically necessary as appropriate for each covered service.

The proposed changes will allow school-based providers in rural and underserved areas access to an increased pool of eligible practitioners which can bill for services; allow participating schools to seek reimbursement for covered services that are provided outside of an individualized education program (IEP) or an individualized family service plan (IFSP); reduce the administrative burden for schools; ensure that school-based providers are regularly reviewing the eligible recipient's plan of care to establish the ongoing medical need for services; and allow schools to seek reimbursement for covered services that are provided under a 504 Plan, Individual Health Care Plan (IHCP) or other care plan.

HSD followed a process that included public notification, tribal notification and web posting. Documentation of these activities is attached.

Please refer to the attachments for the transmittal form and notices.

We appreciate your consideration of this state plan amendment. Should you have any questions on this amendment, please contact Valeria Tapia at: Valeria.Tapia@state.nm.us or (505) 257-8420.

Sincerely,

Nicole Comeaux, J.D., M.P.H., Director

Medical Assistance Division

cc: Peter Banks, CMS

Lorelei Kellogg, HSD/MAD Deputy Director

CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES		
TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES	1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER 2. STATE 2. STATE N. M. 3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT XIX XXI	
TO: CENTER DIRECTOR CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE July 1, 2022	
5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION	6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars) a. FFY 23 \$ 61,733,482	
42 CFR 447; Section 1905(a) of the Social Security Act	a. FFY 23 \$ \(\frac{5}{17,733,462} \) b. FFY 24 \$ \(\frac{67,906,830}{17,733,462} \)	
7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT	8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)	
State Supplement A to Attachment 3.1-A pg. 5d	93-27	
Attachment 4.19-B pgs. 3c, 3d	TN #15-0015	
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- 15. Special rehabilitation services which are evaluative, diagnostic and treatment in nature and necessary to correct any defects or conditions or to teach compensatory skills for deficits that directly result from a medical condition. These services include obtaining, interpreting and integrating the above evaluative, diagnostic and treatment information appropriate to an individual's Individualized Family Service Plan.

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David Montoya, the undersigned, authorized Representative of the Albuquerque Journal, on oath states that this newspaper is duly qualified to publish legal notices or advertisements within the meaning of Section 3, Chapter 167, Session Laws of 1937, that payment therefore has been made of assessed as court cost; and that the notice, copy of which is hereto attached, was published in said paper in the regular daily edition, for 1 time(s) on the following date(s):

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Sworn and subscribed before me, a Notary Public, in and for the County of Bernalillo and State of New Mexico this

day of January

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Statement to come at the end of month.

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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.mm. us. All comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time (MT) on February 24, 2022. Written or emailed 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

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.

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I, a legal clerk of the Las Cruces Sun News, a newspaper published daily at the county of Dona Ana, state of New Mexico and of general paid circulation in said county; that the same is a duly qualified newspaper under the laws of the State wherein legal notices and advertisements may be published; that the printed notice attached hereto was published in the regular and entire edition of said newspaper and not in supplement thereof in editions dated as follows:

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#5098376, Sun-News, January 24, 2022



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Interested Parties:

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RE: Tribal Notification to Request Advice and Comments Letter 22-01: Medicaid School-Based Services for Medical Assistance Program (MAP) Eligible Recipients Under Twenty-One Years of Age

Dear Tribal Leadership, Indian Health Service, Tribal Health Providers, and Other Interested Parties:

Seeking advice and comments from New Mexico's Indian Nations, Tribes, Pueblos and their health care providers is an important component of the government-to-government relationship with the State of New Mexico. In accordance with the New Mexico Human Services Department's (HSD's) Tribal Notification to Request Advice and Comments process, this letter is to inform you that HSD, through the Medical Assistance Division (MAD), is accepting comments until **5:00 p.m. Mountain Time** (MT) February **24**, **2022**, regarding state plan amendment (SPA) 22-0004: School-Based Services for Medical Assistance Program (MAP) Eligible Recipients Under Twenty-One Years of Age.

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Tribal Impact

HSD does not anticipate a financial impact to individuals, tribes or their healthcare providers based on these proposed state plan amendments; however, HSD anticipates improved services to eligible recipients.

Tribal Advice and Comments

Tribes and their healthcare providers may view the proposed changes, on the HSD webpage at: https://www.hsd.state.nm.us/providers/written-tribal-consultations/ **Tribal Notification 22-01.**

Important Dates

Written comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time (MT) February 24, 2022. Please send your comments to the MAD Native American Liaison, Theresa Belanger, at (505) 670-8067 or by email at: Theresa.Belanger@state.nm.us. All written comments received will be posted on the HSD website at: https://www.hsd.state.nm.us/providers/written-tribal-consultations/ along with this notification letter. The public posting will include the name and any contact information provided by the commenter.

Tribal Leadership may request a government-to-government consultation by February 24, 2022. This request may be made to: Theresa.Belanger@state.nm.us or by calling (505) 670-8067.

Sincerely,

Nicole Comeaux, J.D., M.P.H. State Medicaid Director

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Standard Funding Questions: Medicaid School Based Services (MSBS) SPA 22-0004

The following questions are being asked and should be answered in relation to all payments made to all providers reimbursed pursuant to a methodology described in Attachment 4.19-B of this SPA. For SPAs that provide for changes to payments for <u>clinic or outpatient hospital services</u> or for <u>enhanced or supplemental payments to physician or other practitioners</u>, the questions must be answered for all payments made under the state plan for such service.

1. Section 1903(a)(1) provides that Federal matching funds are only available for expenditures made by States for services under the approved State plan. Do providers receive and retain the total Medicaid expenditures claimed by the State (includes normal per diem, supplemental, enhanced payments, other) or is any portion of the payments returned to the State, local governmental entity, or any other intermediary organization? If providers are required to return any portion of payments, please provide a full description of the repayment process. Include in your response a full description of the methodology for the return of any of the payments, a complete listing of providers that return a portion of their payments, the amount or percentage of payments that are returned and the disposition and use of the funds once they are returned to the State (i.e., general fund, medical services account, etc.)

STATE RESPONSE: Providers are not required to return any portion of payments for these services.

- 2. Section 1902(a)(2) provides that the lack of adequate funds from local sources will not result in lowering the amount, duration, scope, or quality of care and services available under the plan. Please describe how the state share of each type of Medicaid payment (normal per diem, supplemental, enhanced, other) is funded. Please describe whether the state share is from appropriations from the legislature to the Medicaid agency, through intergovernmental transfer agreements (IGTs), certified public expenditures (CPEs), provider taxes, or any other mechanism used by the state to provide state share. Note that, if the appropriation is not to the Medicaid agency, the source of the state share would necessarily be derived through either through an IGT or CPE. In this case, please identify the agency to which the funds are appropriated. Please provide an estimate of total expenditure and State share amounts for each type of Medicaid payment. If any of the nonfederal share is being provided using IGTs or CPEs, please fully describe the matching arrangement including when the state agency receives the transferred amounts from the local governmental entity transferring the funds. If CPEs are used, please describe the methodology used by the state to verify that the total expenditures being certified are eligible for Federal matching funds in accordance with 42 CFR 433.51(b). For any payment funded by CPEs or IGTs, please provide the following:
 - (i) a complete list of the names of entities transferring or certifying funds;
 - (ii) the operational nature of the entity (state, county, city, other);

- (iii) the total amounts transferred or certified by each entity;
- (iv) clarify whether the certifying or transferring entity has general taxing authority: and,
- (v) whether the certifying or transferring entity received appropriations (identify level of appropriations).

STATE RESPONSE: These services are paid using appropriations from the state legislature from funds received by broad-based taxes levied by the state.

3. Section 1902(a)(30) requires that payments for services be consistent with efficiency, economy, and quality of care. Section 1903(a)(1) provides for Federal financial participation to States for expenditures for services under an approved State plan. If supplemental or enhanced payments are made, please provide the total amount for each type of supplemental or enhanced payment made to each provider type.

STATE RESPONSE: No supplemental or enhanced payments are made.

4. For clinic or outpatient hospital services please provide a detailed description of the methodology used by the state to estimate the upper payment limit (UPL) for each class of providers (State owned or operated, non-state government owned or operated, and privately owned or operated). Please provide a current (i.e., applicable to the current rate year) UPL demonstration.

STATE RESPONSE: These fee schedule changes do not apply to any provider subject to the UPL calculations.

5. Does any governmental provider receive payments that in the aggregate (normal per diem, supplemental, enhanced, other) exceed their reasonable costs of providing services? If payments exceed the cost of services, do you recoup the excess and return the Federal share of the excess to CMS on the quarterly expenditure report?

STATE RESPONSE: If governmental providers were to receive payments that exceed their reasonable cost of providing services, the excess payment would be recovered and the federal share of the excess would be reported and returned to CMS.