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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) 22-0006 Preadmission Screening Resident Review (PASRR)/Categorical Determinations.

Effective March 1, 2022, the New Mexico Human Services Department (HSD) is updating its state plan to conform with federal PASRR requirements. The state mental health or intellectual disability authority may make an advanced determination that nursing facility (NF) services are needed for the following groups of applicants: convalescent care, terminal illness, severe physical illness, provisional admissions and respite. The state mental health and intellectual disability authorities may make categorical determination that specialized services are not needed in the provisional, emergency and respite admissions situations identified in federal rule. The state mental health and intellectual disability authorities may make categorical determinations that individuals with dementia, which exists in combination with intellectual disability or related condition, do not need specialized services.

These changes are being made to align with 42 CFR 483.130. The State of New Mexico is currently adhering to the CFR; however, the state plan language does not reflect the existing practice.

There is no anticipated financial impact associated with these amendments.

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. MT on March 16, 2022.** 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
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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.