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Interested Parties:

The New Mexico Human Services Department (HSD) Medical Assistance Division (MAD) is providing this notice of opportunity to comment on proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) 21-0012 Nursing Facility (NF) Ventilator Services.

Effective March 14, 2022, the New Mexico Human Services Department (HSD) is proposing to implement an add-on rate for NF ventilator services. Currently, Medicaid recipients requiring NF ventilator services must be sent out of state to a skilled nursing facility (SNF), nursing facility or long-term acute hospital (LTAC).

The proposed change will enable eligible Medicaid recipients to remain in New Mexico, reduce the burden on families that are traveling out of state, allow for better coordination of the member's care and keep Medicaid money in New Mexico.

There is no anticipated annual financial impact associated with this change.

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 28, 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
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.