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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) 23-0011 Community Health Worker (CHW)/Community Health Representative (CHR).

Effective July 1, 2023, New Mexico Medicaid is adding coverage for CHW/CHR as a new reimbursable preventive service at 42 CFR 440.60 as described in SPA 23-0011. CHW/CHR services include health education, health navigation and clinical support. Research into CHW/CHR interventions indicates reduced healthcare costs, improved control in chronic conditions including hypertension, diabetes, and pediatric asthma, reduced use of emergency services, and reductions in rehospitalizations.

The estimated total financial impact is \$49,678 in federal funds for FFY 23 and \$198,713 in federal funds for FFY 24.

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 SPA 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 HSD-madrules@state.nm.us. **All comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. MT on July 16, 2023.** 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.