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The New Mexico Human Services Department (HSD) is providing this notice for the purpose of receiving public comment regarding the proposed Behavioral Health Policy and Billing Manual (BH Manual) and proposed Supplement making updates to Medicaid Behavioral Health. The BH Manual provides a reference for the policies and processes related to Behavioral Health for administration of Medicaid behavioral health services as defined in New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC), section 8.321.2. The BH Manual also provides supplemental material as direction for the Managed Care Organizations (MCOs).

The proposed Behavioral Health Policy Manual includes the following sections:

- 1) Introduction & General Principles
- 2) Screening, Assessment, Medication and Therapies
- 3) Special Outpatient Services for Adults & Children
- 4) Special Outpatient Services for Children & Adolescents
- 5) Special Outpatient Services for Adults
- 6) Inpatient and Residential Services for Children and Adults
- 7) Inpatient and Residential Services for Adults

The proposed Behavioral Health Supplement offers guidance, policy updates, and explanation of new services that augment current NMAC 8.831.2. It also addresses NMAC 8.308, Managed Care, Section 9, Benefit Package; Subsection 19 Behavioral Health Services by identifying and clarifying outdated definitions and referencing the Supplement. It is being issued in advance of the rule promulgation of NMAC 8.321.2 so that new behavioral health services will be available on January 1, 2019.

OPPORTUNITY TO VIEW DOCUMENTS AND MAKE COMMENTS: Medicaid providers, Medicaid recipients, and other interested parties are invited to make comments on the proposed BH Manual. The public may view the proposed Behavioral Health Policy Manual and proposed BH Supplement on the Department's website at: <http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/2017-comment-period-open.aspx>

A written copy of the 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. Written, electronic and recorded comments will be given the same consideration as oral testimony. All comments must be received no later than **5:00 pm MT, December 7, 2018**. All written comments received will be posted as they are received on the HSD website at <http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/2017-comment-period-open.aspx>. The public posting will include the name and any contact information provided by the commenter. 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.