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To whom it may concern:

Some of the proposed changes place New Mexicans already at risk for further economic hardship.

HSD should not move forward with the proposal to force premiums on adult expansion recipients. As a social worker who serves young adults with chronic illness these premiums however "nominal" they may seem will create hardship on our most vulnerable New Mexicans. Numerous studies from other states have shown that even "nominal" premiums in Medicaid have resulted in thousands of individuals losing their coverage.

In addition, phasing out retroactive coverage will put families at risk of crushing medical debt and leave hospitals and other providers with more uncompensated care costs.

Thank you for your consideration.

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