

The New Mexico Human Services Department Medical Assistance Division is providing this notice for the purpose of receiving comments on nursing facility rates proposed to be implemented effective with dates of service July 1, 2014. A more complete description may be found at

<http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/public-notices-proposed-rule-and-waiver-changes-and-opportunities-to-comment.aspx>

The rates for nursing home facilities are determined specifically for each facility. The proposed rate change is to increase each facility's "Nursing Facility – Low" rate by 3.7%, effective July 1, 2014. The increase in expenditures to the Medicaid Program is anticipated to be not more than 6,589,800 of which approximately 4,589,800 will come from federal matching funds. This change is being made following a review of the adequacy of current nursing facility reimbursement and the rate changes and inflationary costs over time. Should the Department revise the proposed increase based on comments received, the Department will make retroactive payment adjustments as appropriate. Written comments, as well as requests for copies of all comments received, may be sent to Cedric Chavez-Medicaid Assistance Division-HSD, PO Box 2348, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87504-2348, or by email to - cedric.chavez@state.nm.us. If you are a person with a disability and you require this information in an alternative format, please contact MAD toll free at 1-888-997-2583 and ask for extension 7-7743. In Santa Fe call 827-7743. The Department's TDD system may be accessed toll-free at 1-800-659-8331 or in Santa Fe by calling 827-3184.