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As the single state agency responsible for Medicaid programs and services in New Mexico, the Human Services Department/Medical Assistance Division (HSD/MAD), in accordance with 42 CFR 447.203, has developed methods to periodically measure and monitor the participation and availability of health care providers in the New Mexico Medicaid program to ensure that Medicaid fee-for-service (FFS) beneficiaries (“recipients”) have access to care that is comparable to the non-Medicaid general population.

HSD/MAD has posted the first formal draft of the New Mexico Access Monitoring Review Plan on the Department’s website at: <http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/public-notices-proposed-rule-and-waiver-changes-and-opportunities-to-comment.aspx>.

The posted version of the Access Monitoring Review Plan will be considered a draft pending public input from providers, recipients, professional associations, Indian Health Service (IHS) and other tribal health care providers, tribal leadership, and other interested individuals or entities. After the receipt of public and tribal input, submitted comments will be addressed and an updated version of this Plan will be sent to CMS by October 1, 2016.

To facilitate public comment, suggestions, and recommendations, the proposed format and content of the Access Monitoring Review Plan and the federal requirement as stated in 42 CFR § 447.203 may be found on the Department’s website at: <http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/public-notices-proposed-rule-and-waiver-changes-and-opportunities-to-comment.aspx>.

A public hearing will be held on **Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 1 p.m.** at the Toney Anaya building, Rio Grande conference room, 2550 Cerrillos Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**Public comments will be received through September 26, 2016.**

If you do not have Internet access, a written copy of the Access Monitoring Review Plan may be requested by contacting HSD/MAD in Santa Fe at 505-827-6252.

Recorded comments may be left by calling (505) 827-1337. Electronic comments may be submitted to [madrules@state.nm.us](mailto: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 p.m. MDT on September 26, 2016.**

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

If you are a person with a disability and you require this information in an alternative format or require a special accommodation to submit comments, please contact the MAD in Santa Fe at 505-827-6252. The Department's TDD system may be accessed toll-free at 1-800-659-8331 or in Santa Fe by calling 827-3184. The Department requests at least 10 working days advance notice to provide requested alternative formats and special accommodations. Copies of all comments will be made available by MAD upon request by providing copies directly to a requestor or by making them available on the MAD website or at a location within the county of the requestor.