



HUMAN SERVICE  
DEPARTMENT

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The New Mexico Human Services Department (HSD) Medical Assistance Division (MAD) is providing this notice for the purpose of receiving public comment regarding Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 17-004, which selects the base benchmark and describes the benefit package for individuals in the Medicaid Other Adult Group (OAG), also known as the Medicaid Expansion Category, under the Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP).

SPA 17-004 makes no material changes to the Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP). This SPA is required as part of the ABP conforming changes set by federal regulation, which mandate updates to the ABP base benchmark plan. HSD/MAD views this as a technical change only with no impact upon covered services or benefits. The state's original base benchmark for the ABP, Lovelace Classic PPO, is no longer available; therefore, HSD/MAD selects a new base benchmark plan in alignment with the New Mexico Health Insurance Exchange, which is Presbyterian Health Plan Silver C HMO.

Since this is a technical revision to the ABP State Plan and does not result in any material changes to the services or benefits covered in the ABP, HSD/MAD submitted SPA 17-004 to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on March 30, 2017, with an effective date of January 1, 2017.

It is not anticipated that there will be any increased costs overall in the Medicaid program as a result of SPA 17-004.

**OPPORTUNITY TO VIEW DOCUMENTS AND MAKE COMMENTS:** Medicaid providers, Medicaid recipients, and other interested parties are invited to make comments on SPA 17-004. Although HSD/MAD has submitted SPA 17-004 to CMS for consideration, the Department will accept comments and may make adjustments to the SPA based on feedback received, if needed.

The SPA may be found on the Department's website at: <http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/public-notice-proposed-rule-and-waiver-changes-and-opportunities-to-comment.aspx>.

SPA 17-004 ABP Base Benchmark  
SPA 17-004 ABP Benefits Description

A written copy of these documents may be requested by contacting the HSD Medical Assistance Division (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 Monday, May 8, 2017.** 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.