



HUMAN SERVICES
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Interested Parties:

The New Mexico Human Services Department, through the Medical Assistance Division (MAD), is providing this notice of opportunity to comment on proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) 19-0009 that would exclude all wages paid by the Census Bureau for temporary employment related to census activities.

The census wage exclusion is applicable to all aged, blind, and disabled (ABD) Medicaid categories. The SPA is not applicable to children and family Medicaid categories because temporary census income is taxable income and cannot be excluded from the modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) eligibility calculation. New Mexico's current SPA limits the census wage exclusion to Census 2000 activities for ABD categories. The new SPA will request a general census wage exclusion for temporary employment related to census activities; it will not cite a specific year. The requested effective date for this SPA is July 1, 2019. The estimated financial impact is \$2.5 million dollars (\$750,000 in state general funds) for FFY 20 and \$10 million dollars (\$3 million in state general funds) for FFY 21.

OPPORTUNITY TO VIEW DOCUMENTS AND MAKE COMMENTS

Medicaid providers, Medicaid recipients, and other interested parties are invited to make comments on this proposed SPA. The complete draft amendment may be found on the Department's website at: <https://www.hsd.state.nm.us/2017-comment-period-open.aspx>

A written copy of these proposed 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. All comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. MT on July 28, 2019. 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:

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ATTN: Medical Assistance Division Public Comments
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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.