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The Human Services Department (the Department), Medical Assistance Division (MAD), is proposing to amend the following rule that is part of the New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC): 8.311.2 Hospital Services. The register for the proposed amendments to this rule will be available April 30, 2016 on the HSD website at <http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/LookingForInformation/registers.aspx> or at <http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/public-notice-proposed-rule-and-waiver-changes-and-opportunities-to-comment.aspx>. If you do not have Internet access, a copy of the proposed rule may be requested by contacting MAD in Santa Fe at 505-827-6252. The Department proposes an effective date of July 1, 2016.

The proposed amendments are to 8.311.2 Section 8: *Mission Statement* and 8.311.2 Section 14 Subsection K: *Reimbursement for Inpatient Services*. The mission statement is being removed and the rule is being changed to clarify that budget availability may be considered when establishing reimbursement rates for Inpatient Hospital Services.

A public hearing to receive testimony on proposed rule 8.312.2 NMAC will be held in the Rio Grande Conference Room, Toney Anaya Building, 2550 Cerrillos Road Santa Fe on June 2, 2016 at 9 a.m., Mountain Daylight Time (MDT).

Interested parties may submit written comments directly to:

Human Services Department
Office of the Secretary
ATT: Medical Assistance Division Public Comments
P.O. Box 2348
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2348.

Recorded comments may be left by calling (505) 827-1337. Electronic comments may be submitted to madrules@state.nm.us. Written, electronic and recorded comments will be given the same consideration as oral testimony made at the public hearing. All comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. MDT, June 2, 2016.

If you are a person with a disability and you require this information in an alternative format or require a special accommodation to participate in the public hearing, please contact 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 ten (10) days advance notice to provide requested alternative formats and special accommodations.

Copies of all comments will be made available by the 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.