

Public Comments: Transition Plan

State of New Mexico Mi Via Waiver NM.0448

Human Services Department, Medical Assistance Division

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The State secured public input during the development of the Mi Via Transition Plan. HSD and DOH solicited input via multiple forums including: state-wide informational meetings, mailings, emails, newspaper announcements, web postings, and public hearings.

Date, Location, Mode & Staff Conducting	Public Comments	State Response
<p>June 9, 2014 Written Tribal Consultation Letter 14-06</p> <p><u>Sent:</u> To New Mexico’s Indian Nations, Tribes, Pueblos, and their healthcare providers</p>	<p>Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acting Program Director would like to know who provided the analysis to eliminate assisted living. Acting Director does not support this service being eliminated (from Five Sandoval Indian Pueblos Health Services) 	<p>State response: The analysis of service utilization was conducted by the Human Services Department, Medical Assistance Division. The data included expenditures from October 1, 2011 thru April 30, 2014 which indicated zero utilization of the Assisted Living service by recipients enrolled in the Mi Via program (New Mexico 1915 (c) home and community-based waiver 0448).</p>
<p>September 8, 2014 Written Tribal Consultation Letter 14-10</p> <p><u>Sent:</u> To New Mexico’s Indian Nations, Tribes, Pueblos, and their healthcare providers</p>	<p>Comment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Mi Via Waiver is a self-directed option to the Developmental Disabilities Waiver or (formerly) Disabled and Elderly Waiver. Don’t see this (waiver renewal changes and transition plan) having any impact on Pueblo of Jemez tribal members since we are not aware of anyone in Jemez who is on this. Most Developmentally Disabled recipients under Mi Via don’t participate in the Day Hab settings described or opt to use Assisted Living Facilities and other populations who use Assisted Living facilities (elders, physically disabled) are still able to do so regardless of the changes proposed here. Mi Via is in such limited use, these changes won’t have much of an impact on anyone, much less native populations. (from Jemez Health Clinic) 	<p>State response: An analysis of service utilization for CCGS and Assisted Living Service utilization by Native American participants was conducted by the Human Services Department, Medical Assistance Division. The State foresees no negative impact to Native American participants as the data showed zero utilization of CCGS and Assisted Living Service by Native American participants.</p>

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<p>September 14, 2014 Public Notice Transition Plan</p> <p><u>Sent:</u> To All interested parties via email and the United State Postal Service. Interested parties and stakeholders included: Mi Via participants, individuals on the Central registry who are individuals that are potential participants, providers, families of participants, and advocacy groups. The Letter included the URL where the public could view the transition plan. Public comments could be submitted via mail, email, fax, phone, and through a public hearing held on October 14, 2014.</p>	<p>Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no public comments submitted via mail, email, phone or fax. Public comment was submitted during the public hearing held on October 14, 2014. Please see comment below. 	
<p>October 14, 2014 Public Hearing Transition Plan <i>Santa Fe, NM</i></p> <p><u>Attendees:</u> Jennifer Chavez, Cecilia Salazar, Magdalena Romero, Christine Wester, Regina Lewis, Roberta Duran, Shari Roanhorse Aguilar, Melanie Buenviaje; General public/interested parties</p>	<p>Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will Mi Via transition to Centennial Care? (from Mi Via participant) 	<p>State response: The Waiver is under renewal. At this time HSD and DOH have no plans to transition Mi Via to Centennial Care program.</p>