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SUBJECT: SUSPENSION OF PRIOR AUTHORIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SKILLED NURSING, LONG-TERM CARE, AND HOME HEALTH FACILITIES/AGENCIES

The New Mexico Human Services Department, Medical Assistance Division (HSD/MAD) is issuing this Supplement to inform providers of a change in program requirements related to the Public Health Emergency Order declared by the New Mexico Department of Health (DOH) on December 5, 2022.

Increased demand for in-patient care resulting from RSV, Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) and COVID-19 has caused acute care facilities (ACF) in New Mexico to expand their inpatient and intensive care units beyond normal capacity. As an individual who receives treatment in an ACF stabilizes, a skilled nursing, long-term care, or home health facility/agency may be able to provide necessary ongoing care. When medically appropriate, transferring a patient from an ACF to one of these alternative settings frees capacity in the ACF.

Therefore, HSD is suspending all prior authorization requirements relating to the discharge and transfer of any patient from an ACF to a skilled nursing, long-term care, or home health facility/agency for the duration of this public health emergency (PHE).

This Supplement will sunset upon the end of the DOH declared public health emergency.

Please contact the Medical Assistance Division at MADInfo.HSD@state.nm.us if you have any questions regarding this Supplement.