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SUBJECT: ANNUAL INDIGENT CARE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The New Mexico Human Services Department (HSD), Medical Assistance Division (MAD) is issuing this Supplement to provide information on annual indigent care reporting.

In accordance with Senate Bill 71, Chapter 57 NMSA 1978, hospitals shall annually report to the Department how the following funds are used:

1. Indigent care funds and safety net care pool funds pursuant to the Indigent Hospital and County Health Care Act.
2. Funds raised to pay the cost of operating and maintaining county hospitals, pay contracting hospitals in accordance with health care facilities contracts, or pay a county's transfer to the county-supported Medicaid fund pursuant to the Hospital Funding Act.

The hospital's report to the Department shall include:

1. The number of indigent patients whose health care costs were paid directly from the funds and the total amount of funds expended for these health care costs.

The hospital's estimated annual amount and percentage of the hospital's bad debt expense attributable to patients eligible under the hospital financial assistance policy and an explanation of the methodology used by the hospital to estimate this amount and percentage.

1. Report the amount of bad debt expense attributable to patients that are eligible for the facility's financial assistance program.
2. What percentage of total bad debt expense is represented by the amount reported above?

The Medical Assistance Division (MAD) will commence the use of the SB71 reporting template that will be posted along with this Supplement on the HSD website: [Supplements to MAD NMAC Program Rules – 2021 | New Mexico Human Services Department \(state.nm.us\)](#). To bring the reporting up to date, hospitals are required to submit the SB71 reporting template to Myers& Stauffer by emailing it to the following: SB71reporting@mslc.com. **Submissions are due on January 6, 2023. This reporting will be for the time period of CY21, (January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021). The report will be due again for CY22 on March 31, 2023, and then every subsequent year on March 31st. An annual report will be provided by HSD to the legislature by June 30th.**

In accordance with Senate Bill 71, Chapter 57 NMSA 1978, the hospital’s report shall be available to the public via a link from the homepage of the hospital’s website.

For questions regarding this guidance, please contact the Medical Assistance Division at (505) 827-6252 or MADInfo.HSD@state.nm.us.