



State of New Mexico
Human Services Department
Human Services Register



I. DEPARTMENT
HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

II. SUBJECT
8.280.400 MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY – PROGRAM OF ALL-INCLUSIVE CARE FOR THE ELDERLY (PACE)

III. PROGRAM AFFECTED
(TITLE XIX) MEDICAID

IV. ACTION
PROPOSED RULE

V. BACKGROUND SUMMARY

The Human Services Department (the Department), through the Medical Assistance Division (MAD), is proposing to amend the New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC) rule 8.280.400 NMAC Medicaid Eligibility – Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE). The PACE is a unique capitated program which addresses the long term care needs of frail elders. It features a comprehensive medical and social service delivery system to serve individuals with long-term care needs who are over 55 years of age, meet a nursing facility level of care, live in an eligible zip code within Bernalillo, Sandoval, and Valencia Counties and who, upon enrollment, are able to live safely and independently in the community setting.

Section 9-8-6 NMSA 1978, authorizes the Department Secretary to promulgate rules and regulations that may be necessary to carry out the duties of the Department and its divisions.

Notice Date: September 29, 2020

Hearing Date: October 30, 2020

Adoption Date: Proposed as February 1, 2021

Technical Citations: 42 CFR 460.150 subparts (b)(4)(c)(1)

The Department is proposing to amend the rule as follows:

8.280.400 NMAC

Section 8

The Department's mission statement has been added.

Section 11

Language is clarified concerning the requirements that apply to applicants, recipients or both groups.

The individual requirements are more clearly grouped.

A fourth subsection, D, has been added in accordance with 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 460.150 which requires all applicants, upon enrollment into PACE, to be able to live in the community setting without jeopardy to their health and safety.

Amendments throughout the rule have been made changing "applicant/recipient" to "applicant or recipient" to show clarification of when language applies to both applicants and enrolled recipients, and when it does not.

VI. RULE

These proposed rule changes will be contained in 8.280.400 NMAC. This register and the proposed rule are available on the HSD website at: <http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/LookingForInformation/registers.aspx> and <http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/2017-comment-period-open.aspx>. If you do not have internet access, a copy of the proposed register and rule may be requested by contacting MAD at (505) 827-1337.

VII. EFFECTIVE DATE

The Department proposes to implement this rule effective February 1, 2021.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing to receive testimony on this proposed rule will be held on Friday, October 30, 2020 at 1:00 p.m., Mountain Time (MT). **Conference Number: 1-800-747-5150. Access Code: 2284263.**

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 the MAD in Santa Fe at (505) 827-1337. The Department requests at least 10 working days advance notice to provide requested alternative formats and special accommodations.

Copies of all comments will be made available by 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.

IX. ADDRESS

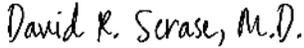
Interested persons may address written comments to:

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

Recorded comments may be left at (505) 827-1337. Interested persons may also address comments via electronic mail to: madrules@state.nm.us. Written mail, electronic mail and recorded comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. MT on October 30, 2020. Written and recorded comments will be given the same consideration as oral testimony made at the public hearing. All written comments received will be posted as they are received on the HSD website at <http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/2017-comment-period-open.aspx> along with the applicable register and rule. The public posting will include the name and any contact information provided by the commenter.

X. PUBLICATION

Publication of this rule approved by:

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