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The New Mexico Human Services Department (The Department) Medical Assistance Division (MAD) is providing this notice for the purpose of receiving comments regarding its proposed Medicaid State Plan amendment to extend Medicaid benefits to former foster care children who may be from any state, and are currently residents in New Mexico, up to 26 years of age.

The purpose of SPA 15-010 is to meet federal requirements under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). ACA requires that New Mexico extends Medicaid benefits to former foster care children at the time they turn eighteen or aged out of the foster care system to end at their 26th birthdate. Presently, Medicaid eligibility for former foster care individuals is limited to former foster care children from New Mexico at the time they turned 18 or aged out of the foster care system.

The Department's intent is to have an effective date of July 1, 2015. The Department does not anticipate a negative service or financial impact to individuals or health care providers with the proposed amendment. SPA 15-010 is anticipated to have an expenditure of \$108,000 for 2016 of which \$75,805 would be derived from federal matching funds, and \$221,616 for 2017 of which \$156,173 would be derived from federal matching funds. Copies of the draft amendment and the proposed SPA application are posted on the Department's website at:

<http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/public-notices-proposed-rule-and-waiver-changes-and-opportunities-to-comment.aspx> or at

<http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/LookingForInformation/medical-assistance-division-state-plan.aspx>

Interested parties may submit written comments directly 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 by calling (505) 827-1337. Electronic comments may be submitted to madrules@state.nm.us All comments must be received no later than July 1, 2015, 5:00 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time (MDT).

If you are a person with a disability and you require this information in an alternative format, please contact MAD toll free at 1-888-997-2583 and ask for extension 7-7743. In Santa Fe call 827-7743. 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 10 working days advance notice to provide requested alternative formats.

If you do not have Internet access, a copy of the proposed rule may be requested by contacting MAD at (505) 827-7743 or at 888-997-2583 asking for extension 7-7743.