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The New Mexico Human Services Department (the Department) Medical Assistance Division (MAD) is accepting comments regarding SPA 15-009 – Long Term Care Partnership proposed amendment to the Medicaid State Plan. The proposed amendment will implement a resource disregard for a beneficiary under a long-term care insurance policy that meets the requirements of a Qualified State Long-term Care Insurance Partnership policy (partnership policy). SPA 15-009 includes an affirmation HSD will not seek adjustment or recovery from the eligible recipient's estate for the amount of assets or resources disregarded in the instance where he or she may have been covered under a long-care insurance policy and may have received benefits for which assets or resources were disregarded. HSD is proposing to have the amendment effective August 1, 2015. The Department does not anticipate a negative service or financial impact to individuals or health care providers with the proposed amendment SPA 15-009 is estimated to have zero budget impact for the first two years of implementation.

SPA 15-009 and Attachment 4.19-B may be viewed on the Department's website at: <http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/public-notice-proposed-rule-and-waiver-changes-and-opportunities-to-comment.aspx> or <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. 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 toll free at 1-888-997-2583.