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**Interested Parties:** 

The New Mexico Health Care Authority (HCA) Medical Assistance Division (MAD) is providing notice on plans to submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) request to provide Targeted Case Management (TCM) services and screening and diagnostic services (consistent with Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment [EPSDT]) to eligible justice-involved youth in accordance with Section 5121 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (CAA).

The CAA, signed into law on December 29, 2022, includes provisions impacting the availability of certain State Plan services for incarcerated youth in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Under Section 5121, states must provide TCM services, including referrals to appropriate care and services available in the geographic region of the home or residence of the eligible juvenile, where feasible, under the Medicaid State Plan in the 30 days prior to release and for at least 30 days following release. States must provide screening and diagnostic services (consistent with EPSDT) in the 30 days prior to release or as soon as practicable upon release.

Individuals eligible for CAA Section 5121 services include those who are under 21 years of age who were determined eligible for any Medicaid eligibility group, or individuals determined eligible for the mandatory eligibility group for former foster care children ages 18 to 26, immediately before becoming an inmate of a public institution or while an inmate of a public institution. These provisions are effective January 1, 2025.

HCA posted for public comment its reimbursement methodology for TCM services which concluded on January 31, 2025. CMS issued standardized SPA coverage pages on January 10, 2025 which align with HCA's proposed SPA reimbursement pages; therefore, HCA is now posting for public comment CAA coverage pages for TCM services and screening and diagnostic services. The updated financial impact from the proposed SPA is \$11,613.53 for Federal Fiscal Years 2025 and 2026. However, given the small number of projected eligible individuals, the State anticipates an insignificant negative fiscal impact.

## **OPPORTUNITY TO VIEW DOCUMENTS AND MAKE COMMENTS**

Medicaid providers, Medicaid recipients, and other interested parties are invited to make comments on this proposed SPA. The complete draft amendment may be found on the New Mexico's Medicaid website at: <u>https://www.hca.nm.gov/comment-period-open-2025/</u>.

A written copy of these proposed documents may be requested by contacting the HCA/MAD in Santa Fe at (505) 827-1337.

Recorded comments may be left by calling (505) 827-1337. Electronic comments may be submitted to <u>HCA-madrules@hca.nm.gov</u>. All comments must be received no later than **5:00 p.m. Mountain Time (MT) on March 13, 2025.** Written or e-mailed comments are preferred because they become part of the record associated with these changes.

Interested persons may address written comments to:

Health Care Authority Office of the Secretary ATTN: Medical Assistance Division Public Comments P.O. Box 2348 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2348

Copies of all comments will be made available by HCA/MAD upon request by providing copies directly to a requestor or by making them available on the HCA/MAD website or at a location within the county of the requestor.