



May 29, 2018

Susana Martinez, Governor
Brent Earnest, Secretary
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The Human Services Department (the Department), Medical Assistance Division (MAD), is amending the following rules that are part of the New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC): *8.200.520 NMAC Medicaid Eligibility Income Standards* and *8.291.430 NMAC Medicaid Eligibility Affordable Care* in order to implement the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) updates to the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) income guidelines for the Medical Assistance Program categories of eligibility effective April 01, 2018. The SSI and Spousal Impoverishment standards are being updated due to the annual cost of living increase (COLA) that went into effect January 01, 2018. The Department is re-promulgating this section of the rule in full within six months of issuance of the emergency rule in accordance with the New Mexico State Rules Act.

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: May 29, 2018

Hearing Date: June 28, 2018

Adoption Date: Proposed as September 1, 2018

Technical Citations: 42 USC Section 9902 (2), Federal SSI and Spousal Impoverishment Standards, and SSA COLA Fact Sheet

Throughout the rules:

8.200.520 NMAC

Section 11 is amended to reflect current FPL mandates.

Section 12 is amended to reflect the cost of living increase.

Section 13 is amended to reflect the increase in the Federal Benefit Rate.

Section 15 is amended to reflect the increase in SSI living arrangement amounts.

Section 16 is amended to reflect the increase in the monthly income standard for Institutional Care and Home and Community Based Waiver Services categories.

Section 20 is amended to reflect the increase in the covered quarter income standard.

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Section 10 is amended to reflect current FPL mandates.

The register for these proposed amendments to this rule will be available May 15, 2018 on the HSD web site at <http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/LookingForInformation/registers.aspx> or at <http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/public-notices-proposed-rule-and-waiver-changes-and-opportunities-to-comment.aspx>. If you do not have Internet access, a copy of the proposed rules may be requested by contacting MAD in Santa Fe at (505) 827-6252.

The Department proposes to implement these rules effective September 1, 2018. A public hearing to receive testimony on this proposed rule will be held in the Rio Grande room, Toney Anaya Building, 2550 Cerrillos Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico June 28, 2018 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., Mountain Daylight Time (MDT).

Interested parties may submit written comments directly to: Human Services Department, Office of the Secretary, ATT: 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. Written, electronic and recorded comments will be given the same consideration as oral testimony made at the public hearing. All comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. MDT, June 28, 2018.

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 MAD in Santa Fe at 505-827-6252. The Department requests at least ten (10) days advance notice to provide requested alternative formats and special accommodations.

Copies of all comments will be made available by the 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.