

The State of New Mexico Human Services Department (HSD) is accepting written comments through December 15, 2014, regarding its Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Developmental Disabilities Waiver (DDW) Transition Plan. The DDW program provides home and community-based services to eligible recipients who meet both financial eligibility and an Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID) level of care criteria. The goal of the DDW program is to serve an eligible recipient in his or her community as an alternative to him or her being institutionalized.

The key components of proposed DDW Transition Plan are as follows:

1. HSD, in collaboration with DOH, will revise the DDW Service Standards to include requirements of Final Rule (2249-F/2296-F).
2. HSD will launch a DDW provider self-assessment survey to gauge the level of compliance currently in place with Final Rule (2249-F/2296-F).
3. HSD, through DOH, will begin training DDW providers on its new DDW Service Standards.
4. Based on the self-assessment survey results, DOH will provide individual technical assistance to providers to assist them come into compliance with the revised DDW Service Standards.
5. DOH will conduct DDW provider site surveys beginning in 2017 to ensure full compliance with DDW Service Standards.
6. If a DDW provider fails to fully comply, HSD and DOH will begin the transitioning of eligible recipients to a fully compliant DDW provider.

Impact: *HSD does not anticipate a service or financial impact to eligible recipients and their healthcare providers based on the proposed DDW Transition Plan as listed in 1-6 above.*

Public Comment and Testimony Opportunities

Further information can be found on the HSD webpage at:

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

Written comments must be submitted by

5:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time (MST) on December 15, 2014

by mail to: Cecelia Salazar, Human Services Department, Medical Assistance Division, Program Policy & Integrity Bureau, P.O. Box 2348, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504. Recorded messages may be left at (505) 827-7743 or toll free at (888) 997-2583 asking for extension 7-7743. Emails may be directed to: Cecelia.Salazar@state.nm.us.

A public hearing on the proposed DDW Transition Plan is scheduled to be held at the Toney Anaya Building, in the Rio Grande Room, Santa Fe, New Mexico on December 15, 2014 @ 10 a.m. MST.