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INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

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TO: ALL ISD AND MAD STAFF

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RE: MEDICAID FOR HURRICANE KATRINA/RITA EVACUEES

Pursuant to instructions in MAD-GI 05-04 (dated September 8, 2005), the certification period for Medicaid cases approved in New Mexico will end December 31, 2005. Although initially the certification period for these cases was four (4) months, continuous coverage regardless of reported changes in income or resources, the federal government changed the certification period to five months. The month of application counts as the first month, therefore those cases certified in late August will expire December 31, 2005.

These cases have been tracked separately for Medicaid purposes. Because the certification period in ISD2 shows the standard six (6) months, a manually generated letter from Santa Fe Central Office will be sent to the client advising them that their case will close at the end of the five-month period. The evacuee will be advised to contact his/her caseworker to re-apply for Medicaid.

Hurricane Katrina/Rita evacuees on New Mexico Medicaid do have the right to appeal this closure. The closure notice will include a "NOTICE OF RIGHTS".

Recertification for Medicaid

Current Medicaid rules apply to cases recertified in December 2005 going forward. Income and resources for applicable categories must be taken into consideration as well as residency requirements. All eligibility requirements must be taken into consideration at recertification.

Evacuees on Home and Community Based Waivers (HCBW)

There are no evacuees in New Mexico on HCBWs.

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