

State of New Mexico Human Services Department Human Services Register



I. DEPARTMENT HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

II. SUBJECT

8.200.430 MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY-GENERAL RECIPIENT RULES-RECIPIENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

III. PROGRAM AFFECTED (TITLE XIX) MEDICAID

IV. ACTION PROPOSED RULE

V. BACKGROUND SUMMARY

The Human Services Department (the Department), through the Medical Assistance Division (MAD), is proposing to amend the New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC) rule 8.200.430, Medicaid Eligibility-General Recipient Rules-Recipient Rights and Responsibilities.

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: June 11, 2024 Hearing Date: July 15, 2024

Adoption Date: Proposed as November 1, 2024

Technical Citations: 1917 (a) and (b) of the Social Security Act

Background

House Bill 98 (HB98) passed during the legislative session excludes the Department from pursuing Medicaid estate recovery from Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) accounts. The ABLE account exclusion from Medicaid estate recovery contained in HB98 has an effective date of July 1, 2024.

The Department is proposing to amend the rule as follows:

8.200.430.19 (c)

Adding a paragraph three (3) under subsection C to include the exemption of ABLE accounts from Medicaid estate recovery.

Throughout the NMAC, amendments have also been made to comply with formatting and language requirements, including amending the rule to capture the name change from the Human Services Department (HSD) to the Health Care Authority (HCA).

VI. RULE

These proposed rule changes will be contained in 8.200.430 NMAC. This register and the proposed rule are available on the HSD website at:

https://www.hsd.state.nm.us/lookingforinformation/registers/ and https://www.hsd.state.nm.us/2024-comment-period-open/. If you do not have internet access, a copy of the proposed register and rule may be requested by contacting MAD at (505) 827-1337.

VII. EFFECTIVE DATE

The Department proposes to implement this rule effective November 1, 2024.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing to receive testimony on this proposed rule will be held in person at the Administrative Services Division (ASD), 1474 Rodeo Rd, Santa Fe, NM 87505 and via Zoom on July 15, 2024 at 9:00 am, Mountain Time (MT).

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9182801909? pwd=YXZrNTV0M3MrUUFudUNVMGxlUkMvZz09&omn=86596241621

Meeting ID: 918 280 1909

Passcode: y2CwhJ

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 the MAD in Santa Fe at (505) 827-1337. The Department requests at least ten (10) working days advance notice to provide requested alternative formats and special accommodations.

Copies of all comments will be made available by 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.

IX. ADDRESS

Interested persons may address written comments to:

Human Services Department

ATTN: Medical Assistance Division Public Comments

P.O. Box 2348

Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2348

Recorded comments may be left at (505) 827-1337. Interested persons may also address comments via electronic mail to: HSD-madrules@hsd.nm.gov. Written mail, electronic mail and recorded comments must be received **no later than 5 p.m. MT on July 15, 2024**. Written and recorded comments will be given the same consideration as oral testimony made at the public hearing. All written comments received will be posted as they are received on the HSD website at https://www.hsd.state.nm.us/2024-comment-period-open/ along with the applicable register

and rule. The public posting will include the name and any contact information provided by the commenter.

X. PUBLICATION

Publication of this rule approved by:

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