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The New Mexico Human Services Department (HSD) Medical Assistance Division is providing notice of opportunity to comment on proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) 20-0018 which changes the Nursing Facility (NF) payment.

Effective October 1, 2020, HSD is proposing to rescind the temporary rate increases to nursing facilities for the treatment of Medicaid members who test positive for COVID-19. The rate increase is equal to 30% of the individual facility's high NF rate. The increased rate was implemented temporarily to assist nursing facilities during the Public Health Emergency (PHE). The proposed end date for the temporary rate increases is September 30, 2020.

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to HSD for this change as rates will revert to the previous methodology in effect prior to April 1, 2020. The reimbursement methodology is outlined in subsections A and B of Cost Related Reimbursement of Nursing Facilities in the New Mexico State Plan and any corresponding amendments.

OPPORTUNITY TO VIEW DOCUMENTS AND MAKE COMMENTS

Medicaid providers, Medicaid recipients, and other interested parties may submit written comments directly 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: madrules@state.nm.us. All comments must be received no later than **5:00 pm Mountain Time, October 3, 2020**.

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