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Concise Explanatory Statement For Rulemaking Adoption:

Specific statutory or other authority authorizing rulemaking:

Notice date(s): Hearing date(s): Rule adoption date: Rule effective date:

Findings required for rulemaking adoption:

Findings MUST include:

- Reasons for adopting rule, including any findings otherwise required by law of the agency, and a summary of any independent analysis done by the agency;
- Reasons for any change between the published proposed rule and the final rule; and
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Department Response: The Department acknowledges your encouragement on a consideration to add a Tribal Community. However, to our knowledge, currently, there are no existing evidence-based, early childhood home visiting programs that are recognized by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) project such as Nurse Family Partnership or Parents as Teachers being implemented in a NM Tribal Community. To align the CHV Pilot Program benefits with the existing network of home visiting programs, the Department has been working with the Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) and the Department of Health (DOH), the two State agencies with in-depth experiences in delivering the early childhood home visiting services in New Mexico.

A commenter suggested that the Human Services Division (HSD) should reconsider the counties it chose for the Centennial Home Visiting (CHV) pilot program to better target areas with the most need. Additionally, the commenter requested more clarity as to how the Department will ensure it upholds its requirement to provide a culturally and linguistically appropriate Home Visiting program.

Department Response:

The Department's county designation for the CHV pilot program, Bernalillo County, is the most populous county with a very high number of pregnant women receiving Medicaid and Medicaid births in the State. The provider capacity in each area, especially to deliver a highly regarded, rigorous program like the Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) with fidelity, is the determining factor for county selection to assure intended impacts and to produce desirable outcomes. Although there are extensive existing home visiting activities statewide, most programs are promising programs and not evidence-based as recognized by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) project such as NFP or Parents as Teachers (PAT), which are available in certain counties. NM Stat § 32A-23B-1 (2016) Home Visiting Accountability Act provides definition for standards-based home visiting program. The Department has adopted this definition to align the CHV pilot program with the existing programs governed by the Home Visiting Accountability Act with an adaptation to reflect more stringent requirement of evidence-based program that is recognized by the federal MIECHV project. The service agencies are expected to deliver the program curriculum with fidelity with an oversight from the program-founding organizations and the Centennial Care Managed Care Organizations with an assistance from the CYFD to assure adherence to program standards as well as the Home Visiting Accountability Act.

Issuing authority (If delegated, authority letter must be on file with ALD):

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Secretary

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