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**TITLE 8 SOCIAL SERVICES**  
**CHAPTER 306 STATE COVERAGE INSURANCE (SCI)**  
**PART 10 ENCOUNTERS**

**8.306.10.1 ISSUING AGENCY:** Human Services Department  
[8.306.10.1 NMAC - N, 7-1-05]

**8.306.10.2 SCOPE:** This rule applies to the general public.  
[8.306.10.2 NMAC - N, 7-1-05]

**8.306.10.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** New Mexico Statutes Annotated, 1978 (Chapter 27, Articles 1 and 2) authorize the state to administer the medicaid program. The State Coverage Insurance (SCI) program is authorized under a health insurance flexibility and accountability (HIFA) waiver under section 1115 of the Social Security Act for the parent population and a medicaid demonstration waiver under section 1115 for the childless adult population, both subject to special terms and conditions.  
[8.306.10.3 NMAC - N, 7-1-05; A, 6-1-10]

**8.306.10.4 DURATION:** The SCI program is operated subject to continuation of the state's HIFA waiver and the medicaid demonstration waiver, and subject to availability of funds.  
[8.306.10.4 NMAC - N, 7-1-05; A, 6-1-10]

**8.306.10.5 EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 1, 2005, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.  
[8.306.10.5 NMAC - N, 7-1-05]

**8.306.10.6 OBJECTIVE:** The objective of these regulations is to provide policies for the service portion of the New Mexico state coverage insurance program.  
[8.306.10.6 NMAC - N, 7-1-05]

**8.306.10.7 DEFINITIONS:** See 8.306.1.7 NMAC.  
[8.306.10.7 NMAC - N, 7-1-05]

**8.306.10.8 MISSION STATEMENT:** The mission of the medical assistance division is to reduce the impact of poverty on people living in New Mexico and to assure low income and disabled individuals in New Mexico equal participation in the life of their community.  
[8.306.10.8 NMAC - N, 7-1-05; A, 7-1-09]

**8.306.10.9 ENCOUNTERS:** MCOs shall submit encounter data to HSD under requirements established by HSD. HSD maintains oversight responsibility for evaluating and monitoring the volume, timeliness and quality of encounter data submitted by the MCOs. If an MCO contracts with a third party to process and submit encounter data, the MCO remains responsible for the quality, accuracy and timeliness of the encounter data submitted to HSD. HSD shall communicate directly with the MCO not with the third party contractor, regarding requirements, deficiencies, quality, accuracy and timeliness of encounter data.  
[8.306.10.9 NMAC - N, 7-1-05]

**8.306.10.10 ENCOUNTER SUBMISSION MEDIA:** Encounter data shall be submitted to HSD or its designee on electronic media, as designated and directed by HSD.  
[8.306.10.10 NMAC - N, 7-1-05]

**8.306.10.11 ENCOUNTER SUBMISSION TIME FRAMES:** The MCO shall submit encounter data to HSD within 120 days of the service delivery date, payment date or discharge as defined by HSD. HSD shall establish error thresholds, time frames and procedures for the submission, correction and resubmission of encounter data.  
[8.306.10.11 NMAC - N, 7-1-05; A, 7-1-09]

**8.306.10.12 ENCOUNTER DATA ELEMENTS:** Encounter data elements are a combination of those elements required by HIPAA-compliant transaction formats, which comprise a minimum core data set for states and

MCOs and those required by CMS or HSD for use in managed care. Encounter data elements are specified in the medicaid systems manual. HSD may increase or reduce or make mandatory or optional, data elements as it deems necessary.

[8.306.10.12 NMAC - N, 7-1-05; A, 7-1-09]

**HISTORY OF 8.306.10 NMAC:** [RESERVED]