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RE: HR1 Citizenship and Non-Citizen Eligibility

Interested Parties:

The New Mexico Health Care Authority (HCA), Medical Assistance Division (MAD) is providing public notice on its plans to submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to comply with Section 71109, “Alien Medicaid Eligibility” of the Working Families Tax Cut Legislation (Public Law 119-21) requirements to non-citizens who are Legal Permanent Residents (LPRs), Cuban/Haitian entrants, Compact of Free Association (COFA) Migrants, or meet Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA) 214 requirements for lawfully present individuals who are pregnant women or children under age 21, effective October 1, 2026.

The estimated total Federal Budget Impact is \$0.00 in federal funds for FFY 2027 and \$0.00 in federal funds for FFY 2028, as the SPA is an administrative change to comply with federal requirements.

OPPORTUNITY TO VIEW DOCUMENTS AND MAKE COMMENTS

Medicaid providers, recipients, and other interested parties are invited to make comments on this proposed SPA. The complete draft amendment may be found on the Department's website at: <https://www.hca.nm.gov/2026-comment-period-open/>.

A written copy of these proposed documents may be requested by contacting the HCA/MAD in Santa Fe at (505) 827-1337.

Recorded comments may be left by calling (505) 827-1337. Electronic comments may be submitted to HCA-madrules@hca.nm.gov. All comments must be received no later than **5:00 p.m. Mountain Time (MT) on October 25, 2026**. Written or e-mailed comments are preferred as they become part of the record associated with these changes.

Written comments may be mailed to:

Medical Assistance Division
ATTN: State Plan Specialist
P.O. Box 2348
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2348

Copies of all comments will be made available by HCA/MAD upon request by providing copies directly to a requestor, by making them available on the HCA/MAD website, or at a location within the county of the requestor.