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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) request to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to provide Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) in accordance with Section 201 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (CAA) effective October 1, 2025.

The CAA, which was signed into law on March 9, 2024, made permanent the mandatory Medicaid benefit for medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD). The mandatory MOUD benefit requires coverage of counseling services and behavioral therapies associated with the provision of required drug and biological coverage. The drug and biological coverage require states to cover all drugs approved under section 505 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, including methadone, and all biological products licensed under section 351 of the Public Health Service Act to treat opioid use disorders.

The mandatory MOUD benefit was initially effective for a five-year period beginning October 1, 2020, and ending September 30, 2025. This proposed SPA removes the end date of September 30, 2025, providing continued coverage and incorporates existing State Plan language with changes into CMS' new standardized template. Since the submission addresses administrative changes, the estimated total financial impact is \$0 in federal funds for FFY 2026 and \$0 in federal funds for FFY 2027.

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 New Mexico's Medicaid website at: <https://www.hca.nm.gov/comment-period-open-2025/>. 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 December 26, 2025**. Written or e-mailed comments are preferred as they become part of the record associated with these changes.

Written comments may be mailed to:

Health Care Authority
Office of the Secretary
ATTN: Medical Assistance Division Public Comments
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.