



HEALTH CARE
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Interested Parties:

The Medical Assistance Division (MAD) of the New Mexico Health Care Authority (HCA) is required by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to post the payment rates for the Turquoise Care 1115 Waiver Food is Medicine (FIM) benefit for pregnant members in accordance with New Mexico's State Plan Amendment public comment process. This is required per Turquoise Care 1115 Waiver Special Terms and Conditions (STCs) section 10.14 on Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN) services. CMS approved the HRSN services payment methodology on April 25, 2025.

The FIM service consists of home-delivered medically tailored food, consisting of Medically Tailored Meals (MTM) and Medically Tailored Grocery boxes (MTG) for pregnant members. The benefit is intended to support vulnerable pregnant members and healthy birth outcomes. This program will initially focus on pregnant members with diabetes.

Estimated Impact on Annual Expenditures: HCA estimates that this new benefit will increase Medicaid expenditures by \$10.8 million (total federal and State share) for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2026.

The table below outlines the proposed FIM (MTM and MTG) rate ranges, effective July 1, 2025.

Service Rate Range and Methodology for Medically-Tailored Meals (MTM)

Service Description	Home delivered, medically-tailored prepared meals
Rate Range	\$9.30–\$20.00
Unit of Service	Per Meal
HCPCS Billing Code	S5170 and others as determined necessary (e.g. S9977)

Service Rate Range and Methodology for Medically-Tailored Grocery Boxes (MTG)

Service Description	Home-delivered, medically tailored grocery boxes
Rate Range	\$80–\$584
Unit of Service	Per Month Cap
HCPCS Billing Code	S5170 (Modifier U1)

OPPORTUNITY TO VIEW DOCUMENTS AND MAKE COMMENTS

Interested parties are invited to make comments on these proposed payment rates. The complete draft is below and may also be found on the New Mexico Health Care Authority website at:

<https://www.hca.nm.gov/comment-period-open-2025/>.

A written copy of this document may be requested by contacting 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 pm Mountain time (MT) on July 31, 2025**.

Interested persons may also submit written comments to:

Health Care Authority
Office of the Secretary
Attn: Medical Assistance Division Public Comments
P.O. Box 2348
Santa Fe, NM 87504-2348

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