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Interested Parties:

The Health Care Authority (the Department), through the Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD) and Medical Assistance Division (MAD) is accepting written and recorded comments for a period of thirty (30) calendar days regarding the submission of its waiver amendment application to Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Medically Fragile Waiver (NM.0223.R07.00).

The key components of proposed changes under the waiver amendment is as follows:

- Increase to rates for Occupational Therapy services and Speech-Language Pathology services due to a state fiscal year 2026 legislative general fund appropriation. The updated rates are effective July 1, 2026, and are intended to achieve rate parity for these therapy services.

The State intends to submit the amendment to CMS on October 30, 2026.

A public hearing to receive testimony on this proposed rule will be held on October 19, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. MT. The hearing will be held in the Large Conference Room of the Administrative Services Division (ASD), 1474 Rodeo Rd, Santa Fe, NM 87505 and via Microsoft Teams.

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The waiver amendments are available on the HCA website at <https://www.hca.nm.gov/2026-comment-period-open/>.

Interested parties may submit written comments directly to: Health Care Authority, Office of the Secretary, ATT: Medical Assistance Division Public Comments, P.O. Box 2348, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2348.

Recorded comments may be left at (505) 827-1337. Interested persons may also address comments via electronic mail to: HCA-madrules@hca.nm.gov. Written mail, electronic mail and recorded comments must be received no later than **5:00 p.m. Mountain Time (MT) on October 19, 2026**. Written and recorded comments will be given the same consideration as oral testimony made at the public hearing.