

The New Mexico Human Services Department Medical Assistance Division is providing this notice for the purpose of receiving comments on proposed rate increases for some PCP (primary care services). The New Mexico Medicaid program will extend the primary care increase defined in sections 1902(a) (13), 1902(jj), 1905(dd) and 2013 and 2014. New Mexico Medicaid intends to continue this program through 2015 and beyond, using the Medicare fee schedule in effect during each of the extension years as the base rate. Once approved, the rate increases for the primary care services will be implemented effective January 1, 2015 if permitted by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) or later as approved by CMS.

The applicable codes and proposed fee schedule amounts may be found on the HSD website by going to: <http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/providers/fee-schedules.aspx> At the website, accept the terms and conditions of using the site, scroll down to Proposed Fee Schedules or Rates and then see the posting titled: PCP Schedule Rate Increase for Selected Codes 1.2015.pdf

The increase in expenditures to the Medicaid Program is anticipated to be \$21,000,000 annually including costs under managed care plans, of which approximately 70% will come from federal matching funds. This change is being made following a review of the sufficiency of current reimbursement rates. Should the Department revise the proposed increase based on comments received; the Department will make retroactive payment adjustments as appropriate.

Recorded comments may be left at (505) 827-7743. Interested persons may also address comments via electronic mail to: cecelia.salazar@state.nm.us. Written mail, electronic mail and recorded comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. MDT on March 31, 2015.