



December 29, 2025

RE: Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF), Institutional Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID), Residential Treatment Center (RTC), Treatment Foster Care (TFC), or Indian Health Service (IHS)

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 capture the reimbursement methodology used by HCA for payments for inpatient claims when the billing provider is a Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF), Institutional Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID), Residential Treatment Center (RTC), Treatment Foster Care (TFC), or Indian Health Service (IHS). These payments are reimbursed at the full Medicare coinsurance and deductible amount. Changes are effective January 1, 2026.

This submission only addresses administrative changes and does not impact reimbursement rates, having an estimated total Federal Budget Impact of \$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 Department's 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 January 28, 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:

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.