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**SPECIAL COVID-19 SUPPLEMENT # 2**

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**TO:** MEDICAID PROVIDERS

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**SUBJECT:** MEDICAID COVERAGE OF COVID-19 TESTING FOR ALL UNINSURED

This directive is a reminder to health care providers, including laboratories, hospitals, and other entities that are performing specimen collection or laboratory testing for COVID-19, that charging cost-sharing for diagnostic testing and related testing services is not allowed for New Mexico patients. No health insurance plan in New Mexico may charge patient co-pays, deductibles or coinsurance for COVID-19 diagnostic testing services; and no test site or lab may bill any New Mexico patient for any portion of the cost of testing for COVID-19.

***Uninsured Individuals***

The New Mexico Medical Assistance Division (MAD) is exercising the option to use federal funding for COVID-19 diagnostic testing and testing-related services provided to uninsured individuals as authorized through the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA). This coverage includes both the administration of testing and testing-related services and the associated medical visit. Uninsured individuals include those not otherwise Medicare or Medicaid-eligible and not covered by group or individual private insurance or another federal health program.

The Human Services Department (HSD) will send Medicaid billing and reimbursement guidance to providers regarding how to submit claims for COVID-19 testing and testing-related services for the uninsured through a separate directive. Guidance will be available by mid-April.

***Medicaid-Enrolled Individuals***

There are no co-pays or deductibles for Medicaid-enrolled individuals for any service. In accordance with Medicaid policy, Medicaid-enrolled individuals may not be charged for any portion of the cost of COVID-19 testing or testing-related services.

Thank you for your service to New Mexicans during this emergency pandemic. Questions regarding this directive may be submitted to [MADInfo.HSD@state.nm.us](mailto:MADInfo.HSD@state.nm.us).