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TO: PROVIDERS RENDERING SERVICES REQUIRING PRIOR AUTHORIZATION
FOR COMPREHENSIVE ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT

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SUBJECT: STATE OF NEW MEXICO HANDICAPPING LABIO-LINGUAL DEVIATION
(NM HLD) INDEX REPORT FORM- MAD 908

The purpose of this Supplement is to introduce a standardized HLD Index Report Form to promote consistency in documentation, ensure uniform reporting practices, and align prior authorization submissions with current medical necessity criteria for orthodontic treatment. To support these objectives, the Medical Assistance Division (MAD) has developed a standardized form, the MAD 908-State of New Mexico Handicapping Labio-Lingual Deviation (HLD) Index Report Form. This change impacts both Fee for Service (FFS) and recipients enrolled with a Managed Care Organization (MCO).

Prior authorizations for comprehensive orthodontic treatment for eligible recipients must be submitted using the MAD 908 form. For purposes of this requirement, an eligible recipient to be under 21 years old with a demonstrated medical necessity as described in New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC) 8.310.2.14.

Beginning October 1, 2026, providers who do not submit a prior authorization using the MAD 908 form will be required to resubmit the request using the MAD 908 form. Failure to submit the required documentation on the most current MAD 908 form within the requested timeframe may result in denial of the prior authorization request.

For FFS recipients, Providers must submit the MAD 908 form to New Mexico's Third Party Assessor (TPA). Please visit the Comagine Health website <https://comagine.org/program/new-mexico-medicaid/providers> for more information. Technical assistance is available by calling Comagine

Health at 1-866-962-2180. It is highly recommended that providers utilize the resources available on the website prior to calling for technical assistance.

The Health Care Authority appreciates your cooperation and support to improve processes by increasing efficiencies by using the MAD 908 Form. Questions regarding this Supplement may be directed to the Medical Assistance Division at madinfo.hca@hca.nm.gov.