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TO: ALL HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED WAIVER SERVICE PROVIDERS
PARTICIPATING AS A DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (DD) WAIVER PROVIDER
IN THE NEW MEXICO MEDICAID PROGRAM

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SUBJECT: REDUCTION IN THE HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED WAIVER SERVICES
FEE SCHEDULE AND RECIPIENT ANNUAL RESOURCE ALLOTMENT
AMOUNTS FOR DD SERVICES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2011

Effective with dates of service January 1, 2011, there will be a five percent (5%) reduction in DD Home and Community-Based Waiver provider payment rates for all services. There will also be an eight percent (8%) reduction in recipients' annual resource allotment (ARA) amounts for services. The estimated annual reduction in payments to providers is \$15,200,000 (state and federal funds combined).

Due to a serious shortfall in state revenues, many state program budgets are either being reduced or not sufficiently increased to cover current program costs. The DD Home and Community Based Services Waiver program budget is no exception.

COMMENTS

Providers may view the proposed rates or percent reductions on the MAD website by clicking on the "Provider Information, Enrollment & Program Policy" bullet, selecting "Fee for Service" from the drop down list, and then following the "Fee Schedules" link, which leads to the following web page:
<http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/mad/PFeeSchedules.html>

More information about this change can also be found at the following web page:
<http://www.health.state.nm.us/CommunicationsOffice/2010Releases/Changes%20to%20DD%20Waiver%20Program.pdf>

Providers were first notified of the proposed reduction on November 18, 2010. Also a video conference session was held December 1, 2010.

Even though the effective date of this change is January 1, 2011, comments will continue to be received on this reduction through February 15, 2011, to allow time for interested parties to submit

further comments. All comments will be reviewed and providers shall be notified of any changes that are made due to the comments as well as if any retroactive adjustments to claims will be necessary.

Copies of all comments will be made available upon request by providing copies directly to a requestor or by making them available on the MAD website or at a location within the county of the requestor. Contact the Medical Assistance Division as indicated below.

MAKING COMMENTS AND CONTACTING PROGRAM STAFF

Written or e-mailed comments are preferred because they become part of the record associated with this change.

Written comments may be sent to:

Tabitha Mondragon
Benefit Services Bureau
HSD/Medical Assistance Division
PO Box 2348
Santa Fe, NM 87504-2348

E-mail comments may be sent to:

Tabitha.Mondragon@state.nm.us

However, if you have questions regarding the above information, you may contact the Developmental Disabilities Supports Division at (505) 827-3171.

We appreciate your participation in the Medicaid program and look forward to a time of improved economic conditions within the state.