



Mi Via Waiver Renewal

Human Services Department (HSD) with the Department of Health (DOH) is renewing the Mi Via waiver with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). A public comment period will begin November 15, 2019. Prior to the public comment period an announcement will be mailed outlining how and where you can receive a copy of the proposed waiver renewal, how to leave comment, and the date, time and location of the public hearing. The draft waiver renewal application will be available, beginning on November 15, 2019, on the HSD webpage at <https://www.hsd.state.nm.us/public-notices-proposed-rule-and-waiver-changes-and-opportunities-to-comment.aspx>.

Proposed changes to the waiver include:

- An updated definition for Intellectual and Developmental Disability (IDD) utilizing national best practice to use functional criteria based on adaptive abilities.
- Changes to consultant services to make support guide services part of ongoing consultant services and to increase face-to-face visits with consultants to three 6 visits per year.
- Clarification to Homemaker and In-Home Living Support (IHLS) services defining agency owned or operated home when the participant lives with a person specifically for the purpose of that person providing paid supports to the participant and when the participant would not live with that individual if the person were not being paid to provide services.
- Updates to IHLS provider agency requirements to include completion of state required trainings; compliance with Department of Health (DOH) Division of Health Improvement (DHI) provider surveys; and records maintenance of provider qualifications for all staff and contractors who provide direct service to participants.
- Revisions to who may be designated as an EOR. Only a legal representative may be designated to direct services for a participant.
- Revisions to Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation (ANE) training requirements for consultants, Employers of Record, participants, and employees will be revised. Consultants will complete DOH train the trainer courses to ensure each consultant agency has a certified ANE trainer on staff. All Employers of Record and employees will complete DOH approved ANE training either through the Consultant Agency certified trainer or online training.
- Increase in provider rates for Consultants to \$313.93 per month and for IHLS to a range of \$25.04-\$150.26 per day based on recommendations from the Rate Study.

Please contact Jessica Velarde at (505) 476-7254 or by email at jessica.velarde@state.nm.us with any questions.

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ANE Training for Advocates Development Project

DDSD is developing a universal training about awareness: recognizing and reporting abuse for advocates, self-advocates and people who receive supports. DDSD is asking for advocates to assist in developing and designing the training with the support of the DDSD Training Unit. DDSD wants to hear from you on what topics you think need to be included in the training and what involvement YOU want to have in this project. If you are interested, please contact:

Jenny Bartos: (505) 238-5344 or Jennifer.bartos@state.nm.us

FMA-Conduent

Contact Information:

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8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday,
Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday
8:00 am to 4:00 pm Wednesday

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E-mail: mi.via@conduent.com
(Do not email forms to Conduent)

Physical Address:

1720-A Randolph Rd SE
Albuquerque, NM 87106

Note:

The Mi Via Advisory Committee works with the State to share information and help with communication among all Mi Via Participants.

DDPC Legislative Advocacy Luncheon

Calling all self-advocates, family members and guardians!

Do you want to meet some of your Legislators?

Do you want to learn how the legislative process works and how you can make a difference on issues that are important to you?

Come and join us for this free, special event. Everyone is welcome. Lunch will be served.

Wednesday November 6, 2019

Noon-2:00 pm

Location: Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (DDPC) Large Conference Room

625 Silver Ave. SW Suite 100, Albuquerque, NM

For more information contact Wendy Corry at wendy@corryconsulting.com

Electronic Visit Verification (EVV)

EVV is a telephone and computer-based system that electronically verifies that caregiver visits occur and documents the time the service begins and ends. EVV is a requirement of the 21st Century Cures Act, a United States law enacted by Congress in December of 2016. The 21st Century Cures Act requires EVV for all Medicaid financed Personal Care Services. Personal Care Services are defined as those services which provide assistance with Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) and Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADLs).

Medical Assistance Division (MAD) and the Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD) are working collaboratively to ensure New Mexico meets this federal requirement and implements EVV in a manner that supports self-direction. We envision an EVV system that is flexible and adaptable to changes in employee schedules, accommodates limited internet access, is mobile, and is user-friendly and intuitive to use. Mi Vi participants using homemaker services, respite, and in-home living supports will be required to have employees use EVV to verify hours worked for their employees to be paid.

As MAD and DDSD move forward in implementation of EVV additional information including timelines, training opportunities, and implementation date will be shared in the Mi Via Newsletter and in direct mailings to participants.



Albuquerque People First Wants YOU!!!

Who we are: People with disabilities who have fun, learn about our rights, speaking up for ourselves and others and making our own choices.

All are welcome!

Special Guest: Jenny Bartos, DDSD Statewide Abuse Neglect and Exploitation/Community Programs Trainer

Wednesday November 6, 2019

10:00-11:00 a.m.

Location: Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (DDPC)/ Center for Self-Advocacy Large Conference Room

625 Silver Ave. SW Suite 100, Albuquerque

For more information contact: Roel Adamson
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Facebook page: People First of Albuquerque

Dates to Remember in November

November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
October 27	October 28	October 29	October 30	October 31	1 <i>Vendor Checks Received or Deposited</i>	2 <i>Deadline to submit PRFs for 11/15/19 payment</i>
3	4	5	6	7	8 <i>Paychecks and Vendor Checks Received or Deposited; end of the pay period</i>	9 <i>Deadline to submit faxed timesheets, Mileage & PRFs for 11/22/19 payment; new pay period begins</i>
10	11	12	13	14	15 <i>Vendor Checks Received or Deposited</i>	16 <i>Deadline to submit PRFs for 11/29/19 payment</i> <i>October Spending Reports Available to EORs</i>
17	18	19	20	21	22 <i>Paychecks and Vendor Checks Received or Deposited; end of the pay period</i>	23 <i>Deadline to submit faxed timesheets, Mileage & PRFs for 12/6/19 payment; new pay period begins</i>
24	25	26	27	28	29 <i>Vendor Checks Received or Deposited</i>	30 <i>Deadline to submit PRFs for 12/13/19 payment</i>

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Web: <https://nmhealth.org/about/ddsd/pgsv/sdw>

Agency Name	Contact Name	Phone	E-mail	Region(s)
CNRAG, Inc. (Care Network Resource Assistance Group)	Fallon Vincell	575-621-3645	fvincell@cnragusa.com	Metro, SE and SW
Consumer Direct Personal Care (CDPC)	Sandra Woodward	1-866-786-4999	sandraw@consumerdirectcare.com	All of New Mexico
Excel Case Management, Inc.	Diane Metoyer	505-324-8660	Metoyer@excelcasemanagement.com	NW and SE Regions
Los Amigos, LLC	Sergio Garcia	505-204-6035	Sergio@losamigosbs.com	All of New Mexico
Me Town	Kimberly Riebsomer	505-310-9069	riebsomer@gmail.com	Metro and NE
Merit Consulting, LLC	Tina Storey	505-507-9995	tinas@meritnm.com	Metro
Self-Directed Choices	Sandy Skaar Jacob Patterson	505-508-1663	Sandy@sdchoices.com Jacob@sdchoices.com	All of New Mexico
UNM Center for Development and Disability (CDD)	Tanya Baker-McCue Janelle Groover	1-866-383-3820	tbaker-mccue@salud.unm.edu jtorresgroover@salud.unm.edu	All of New Mexico
Visions Case Management	Charles Clayton	575-779-7419 or 1-888-588-9152	Charles@visionsnm.com	All of New Mexico

Human Services Department / Medical Assistance Division – Exempt Services and Program Bureau
 PO Box 2348, Santa Fe, NM 87504-2348, Toll-free Phone: 1-888-997-2583, Fax: 505-827-7277
 Manages the FMA/Conduent (formerly Xerox) contract and the TPA/Qualis contract

vacant	Mi Via & Medically Fragile Unit Staff Manager Functions: Mi Via & Medically Fragile Waiver oversight, Conduent, Comagine, and Eligibility Issues		
Jessica Velarde	Mi Via Unit Contract Manager Functions: Mi Via Waiver oversight, Conduent issues	505-476-7254	Jessica.Velarde@state.nm.us
vacant	Mi Via Participant Issues Resolution & Eligibility Functions: Participant Eligibility, Comagine, HSD/ISD Issues and Technical Assistance		

Department of Health / Developmental Disabilities Supports Division
 5301 Central NE, Suite 203, Albuquerque, NM 87108. Phone: 1-800-283-5548
 Operates the Mi Via Program for Developmental Disability (DD) and Medically Fragile (MF) Populations
 Oversees consultant agency contracts

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Comagine Health (formerly Qualis Health)
 PO Box 20910, Albuquerque, NM 87154-0190 Phone: 1-866-962-2180
[Comagine Health](#) is the Third Party Assessor (TPA) for Mi Via. They are responsible for reviewing and approving the Service and Support Plans (SSP).

Care Coordination

Blue Cross Blue Shield	1-877-232-5518, option 3	www.bcbsnm.com/community-centennial
Presbyterian	505-923-5200	www.phs.org/centennialcare
Western Sky	1-844-543-8996	www.westernskycommunitycare.com