

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The New Mexico Department of Health will hold a public hearing on the adoption of a new rule, 7.1.29 NMAC, "Health Information System Public Access Website." The hearing will be held on November 20, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the auditorium of the Harold Runnels Building, located at 1190 St. Francis Drive in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

This hearing will be conducted to receive public comment regarding the proposed adoption of a new rule concerning the requirements of a public access website that will host health care cost and quality data. The website will assist in carrying out some of the requirements of the Health Information System Act, an act that was created to assist in the collection, analysis, and dissemination of health information to New Mexico residents. The rule proposes to require that the website:

- 1) be accessible through the sunshine portal;
- 2) allow a person who has Internet access to use the website without paying a fee;
- 3) allow the public to search for healthcare cost and quality data;
- 4) have a unique and simplified website address; and
- 5) be directly accessible via the main page of the official department website.

The legal authority authorizing the proposed rule and the adoption of the rule by the Department is at Sections 9-7-6 (E) and 24-6A-6.1, NMSA 1978.

A free copy of the full text of the proposed rule can be obtained from the Department's website at <http://nmhealth.org/about/erd/>, or from:

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Please submit any written comments regarding the proposed rule to the attention of Victoria Dirmyer at the above mailing address or e-mail address prior to the hearing. If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of special assistance or accommodations to attend or participate in the hearing, please contact Victoria Dirmyer by telephone at (505) 476-3572. The Department requests at least ten (10) days advance notice to provide requested special accommodations.

Any interested member of the public may attend the hearing and offer public comment on the proposed rule changes during the hearing. Written public comment may also be submitted prior to the date of the hearing to the contact person and mailing address or e-mail address above.