HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

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Interested Parties:

The Health Care Authority (the Department), through the Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD) and Medical Assistance Division (MAD) is accepting written and recorded comments for a period of thirty (30) calendar days regarding the submission of its waiver amendment application to Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for the 1915 (c) HCBS Mi Via Waiver (NM.0448.R04).

The key components of the waiver application amendment are as follows:

1. Addition of Support Broker Services as a service. Supports Broker Services are being added to ensure that Mi Via participants who do not have guardian, family member, or other natural support available to assist with employer-related functions have access to the support necessary to successfully direct and maintain their waiver services. (Appendix C 1/3, E1, E2, I-2, J2)
2. The term "Employer of Record" was updated to "Supports Broker (voluntary or paid service)" to more accurately reflect the role of the individual assisting the participant with employer-related functions and align with the new Support Broker Services. (Appendix C 1/3, E1, E2, I-2, J2)

The State intends to submit the amendment to CMS on October 1, 2026

A public hearing will be held on **September 28, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. Mountain Time (MT).** The hearing will be held in the Large Conference Room at the Administrative Services Division (ASD), 1474 Rodeo Rd, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505 and via Microsoft Teams.

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The waiver amendments are available on the HCA website at https://www.hca.nm.gov/2026-comment-period-open/.

Interested parties may submit written comments directly to: Health Care Authority, Office of the Secretary, ATT: Medical Assistance Division Public Comments, P.O. Box 2348, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2348.

Recorded comments may be left at (505) 827-1337. Interested persons may also address comments via electronic mail to: HCA-madrules@hca.nm.gov. Written mail, electronic mail and recorded comments must be received no later than **5:00 p.m. MT on September 28, 2026**. Written and recorded comments will be given the same consideration as oral testimony made at the public hearing.