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NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the New Mexico Higher Education Department (NMHED or Department) will hold a public rulemaking hearing on December 4, 2019. The hearing will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will be held at NMHED located at 2044 Galisteo Street, Suite 4, Santa Fe, NM 87505. The purpose of the rulemaking hearing is to take public comment regarding proposed amendment to **5.7.4 NMAC**, **PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN STUDENT LOAN-FOR-SERVICE PROGRAM**.

Amendments:

5.7.4.4 NMAC, DURATION

Purpose:

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to remove the rule's current expiration date of December 31, 2019 and make the rule permanent as the Primary Care Physician Loan-For-Service Program is an ongoing program.

Summary of proposed changes:

The amendment to Section 5.7.4.4 NMAC removes the December 31, 2019 expiration date and makes the rule permanent.

Details for Obtaining a Copy, Public Hearing and Comments: The proposed rule is available at NMHED located at 2044 Galisteo Street, Suite 4, Santa Fe, NM 87505-2100. The proposed rule is also posted on the NMHED website and may be accessed at http://www.hed.state.nm.us/ under the "Events" section. To request that a copy of the proposed rule be sent to you by mail or e-mail, please contact HigherEd.Info@state.nm.us or (505)476-8411.

A public hearing will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. at NMHED on December 4, 2019. Any person who is or may be affected by this proposed rule may appear and testify. **Interested persons may submit written comments to NMHED at 2044 Galisteo Street, Suite 4, Santa Fe, NM 87505 or** HigherEd.Info@state.nm.us. **Written comments must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on December 2, 2019.** Please note that any written comments received will become part of the rulemaking record, be posted to the New Mexico Sunshine Portal, and be accessible to the public. If submitting written comments by email, please indicate in the subject line the number and section of each rule(s) for which you are providing comments. Oral comments will also be accepted at the rule hearing, subject to time limitations.

Legal authority for this rulemaking can be found in Sections 9-25-8, 21-1-26 and 21-22G-1 through 21-22G-4, NMSA 1978.

Any person with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing should contact (505) 476-8411 or email HigherEd.Info@state.nm.us ten (10) business days prior to the hearing.