

NOTICE

The New Mexico Human Services Department (HSD) will hold a public hearing at 1:30 p.m., on July 11, 2002, at the Board Room, Educational Services Center, Santa Fe Public Schools Administration Building, (610 Alta Vista), Santa Fe, New Mexico. The subject of the hearing will be Changes To Market Basket Index (MBI) To Intermediate Care Facilities For The Mentally Retarded (ICF/MRs).

The New Mexico Human Services Department, Medical Assistance Division currently increases ICF/MR rates annually using the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Market Basket Index (MBI) each year as the inflator. The register proposes that pursuant to budget availability and to the Department's discretion, the inflation factor may be used to recognize economic conditions and trends. A notice will be sent out every September informing the provider if an MBI will be used for the year and what the percentage increase will be if the MBI is authorized.

Interested persons may testify or submit written comments no later than 5:00 p.m., July 11, 2002, to Robin Dozier Otten, Secretary-Designate, Human Services Department, P.O. Box 2348, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2348. All written and oral testimony will be considered prior to issuance of the final regulation.

If you are a person with a disability and you require this information in an alternative format or require a special accommodation to participate in any HSD public hearing, program or services, please contact the NM Human Services Department toll-free at 1-888-997-2583, in Santa Fe at 827-3156, or through the department TDD system, 1-800-609-4833, in Santa Fe call 827-3184. The Department requests at least 10 days advance notice to provide requested alternative formats and special accommodations.

Copies of the Human Services Register are available for review at the local Income Support Division offices or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Medical Assistance Division, Planning & Program Operations Bureau, P.O. Box 2348, Santa Fe, NM. 87504-2348.