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September 30, 2026

Courtney Miller, Director
CMS/Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services
Medicaid & CHIP Operations Group
601 E. 12th St., Room 355
Kansas City, MO 64106

Dear Ms. Miller:

Enclosed, please find documents related to New Mexico State Plan Amendment (SPA) 26-0008, Unbundling Maternity Global Care.

New Mexico is submitting this SPA to align with CMS and American Medical Association (AMA) changes to eliminate all global maternity codes (e.g., 59400, 59510, 59610, 59425–59426) and replace them with an unbundled, phase-based structure. In addition, current delivery only, antepartum, and postpartum codes will be deleted and transitioned to existing E/M codes or newly established maternity codes.

The estimated total Federal Budget Impact is $0.00 in federal funds for FFY 2027 and $0.00 in federal funds for FFY 2028. The shift of global maternity billing to new unbundled billing is budget neutral.

The HCA followed a process that included public notification, tribal notification, and web posting. The HCA did not receive comments from the general public or tribal partners, nor was a tribal consultation formally requested. Documentation of these activities is attached, along with the transmittal form and supporting SPA materials.

We appreciate your consideration of this state plan amendment. Should you have any questions, please contact Valerie Tapia at: Valerie.Tapia@hca.nm.gov or (505) 257-8420.

Sincerely,

Alanna Dancis
Acting Medicaid Director

cc: Dana Brown, CMS

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES

FORM APPROVED
OMB No. 0938-0193

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL

FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 26-0008

2. STATE: NM

3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT: (●) XIX ( ) XXI

TO: CENTER DIRECTOR
CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE
9/1/2026

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION
42 CFR Part 447, 42 CFR Part 435

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)
a. FFY 2027 $ 0
b. FFY 2028 $ 0

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT
Attachment 4.19-B page 3a

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT *(If Applicable)*
Attachment 4.19-B page 3a (26-0001)

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT
To align with CMS and American Medical Association (AMA) changes to eliminate all global maternity codes (e.g., 59400, 59510, 59610, 59425 – 59426) and replace them with an unbundled, phase-based structure. In addition, current delivery only, antepartum, and postpartum codes will be deleted and transitioned to existing E/M codes or newly established maternity codes.

10. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW *(Check One)*

( ) GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT
( ) COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED
( ) NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL
(●) OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:
Delegated to the Acting Medicaid Director

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL

12. TYPED NAME
Alanna Dancis

13. TITLE
Acting Medicaid Director, Medical Assistance Division

14. DATE SUBMITTED
9/30/2026

15. RETURN TO
Alanna Dancis
Medical Assistance Division
P.O. Box 2348
Santa Fe, NM 87504-2348

FOR CMS USE ONLY

16. DATE RECEIVED

17. DATE APPROVED

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL

19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

22. REMARKS

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4. Licensed Midwives (Lay Midwives): Payments to licensed midwives are reimbursed at 100% of the physician fee schedule as described in Item I. A of Attachment 4.19-B for eligible maternity services.

   Except as otherwise noted in the State Plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers. The fee schedule, set as of September 1, 2026, is effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published on the New Mexico Medicaid website at https://www.hca.nm.gov/providers/fee-schedules/. Notice of changes to rates will be made as required by 42 CFR 447.205.

5. Chiropractic Services: Effective October 1, 2024, chiropractic services are covered for all individuals pursuant to 440.60(b). Chiropractor services are provided by a licensed chiropractor and consist of treatment by means of manual manipulation of the spine that the chiropractor is legally authorized by the State to perform. Payments to New Mexico chiropractic licensed providers are reimbursed at 100% of the physician fee schedule with an annual benefit limit of $2,000.

   Except as otherwise noted in the State Plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers. The fee schedule, set as of October 1, 2024, is effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published on the New Mexico Medicaid website at https://www.hca.nm.gov/providers/fee-schedules/. Notice of changes to rates will be made as required by 42 CFR 447.205.

6. Doula Services: Effective October 1, 2024, Doula services are covered for all individuals navigating pregnancy-related care before, during, and after a pregnancy or childbirth.

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7. Lactation Provider Services: Effective October 1, 2024, Lactation Provider services are covered for all individuals who need access to education and management to prevent and solve breastfeeding problems and encourage support for breastfeeding mothers and infants.

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