

POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF PUBLIC RULE HEARING

The New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department hereby gives notice as required under Section 14-4-5.2 NMSA 1978 and 1.24.25.11 NMAC that it proposes to adopt amendments to the following rules regarding CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE as authorized by Section 9-2A-7 NMSA 1978:

8.15.2.7 NMAC - DEFINITIONS
8.15.2.9 NMAC - PRIORITIES FOR ASSISTANCE
8.15.2.12 NMAC - RECERTIFICATION
8.15.2.13 NMAC - CLIENT RESPONSIBILITIES
8.15.2.15 NMAC - PROVIDER REQUIREMENTS
8.15.2.17 NMAC - PAYMENT FOR SERVICES

No technical scientific information was consulted in drafting these proposed rules.

Purpose of proposed rules: The purpose of the rules is to amend the eligibility levels for child care assistance, to eliminate the waiting list for child care assistance, to provide an explanation of the co-payment calculation and where to find the co-payment schedule, to comply with federal regulation to pay for registration/educational fees for children receiving child care assistance benefits on behalf of client, and to address the overlap of care hours under payment for services.

Copies of the proposed rules may be found at CYFD's website at <https://www.newmexicokids.org/> or may be obtained from 1120 Paseo De Peralta, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 30 days prior to the Public Hearing.

Notice of public rule hearing: CYFD is postponing the public hearing set for July 8, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. in Apodaca Hall, 1120 Paseo de Peralta, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502. CYFD will enlarge the public comment period to accommodate new proposed language in accordance with the rules, and will issue notice for a public hearing at a later date. The public hearing will be conducted in a fair and equitable manner by a CYFD agency representative or hearing officer and shall be recorded. Any interested member of the public may attend the hearing and will be provided a reasonable opportunity to offer public comment, either orally or in writing, including presentation of data, views, or arguments, on the proposed rules during the hearing. Individuals with disabilities who need any form of auxiliary aid to attend or participate in the public hearing are asked to contact Debra Gonzales at debra.gonzales@state.nm.us. CYFD will make every effort to accommodate all reasonable requests, but cannot guarantee accommodation of a request that is not received at least ten calendar days before the scheduled hearing.

Notice of acceptance of written public comment: Written public comment, including presentation of data, views, or arguments about the proposed rules, from any interested member of the public, may also be submitted via email to CYFD-ECS-PublicComment@state.nm.us with the subject line "8.15.2 NMAC Public Comment," or via first class mail to, or by hand delivery to Kimberly Brown, Child Care Services Bureau, Children, Youth and Families Department, P.O. Drawer 5160, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-5160. The comment period ends at the conclusion of the public hearing.