

Notice of Public Meetings to Solicit Comments on Proposed Changes to Waiver Programs

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The Human Services Department (HSD) has two distinct processes and requirements for gathering public input on 1915 (c) waiver programs:

1) Informal public input meetings:

- Open forum for recipients and families statewide to present issues and concerns regarding any aspect of the waiver program.
- Scheduled to share program information and solicit input regarding the program.
- Notice regarding the open forum is mailed to waiver recipients and families.
- HSD and Department of Health Program staff share announcements regarding upcoming informal and formal public forums and waiver activities through a variety of stakeholders:
 - Mi Via advisory committee
 - Mi Via operations meetings
 - Medically Fragile Case Management Program Family Advisory Board
 - Advisory Council on Quality
 - Association of Developmental Disabilities Community Providers
 - Developmental Disabilities Planning Council

2) Formal public input meetings:

- Solicit public comment in response to a specific written document or proposal that is published in advance.
- Examples: State Plan Amendment, New Waiver, Waiver Renewal, Waiver Amendment.
- 60 day comment period for Tribal leaders and Indian healthcare facilities.
- 30 day comment period for the general public.
- Published in newspapers.
- Posted on HSD website.
- Letter is sent to HSD interested parties mailing list.
- For waivers, a letter is mailed to each waiver recipient plus the first 300 on the DDW Central Registry.
- Public notices include instructions to access the written document and submit comments, and the date, time and location of the public hearing.
- Written and verbal comments are accepted throughout the public comment period.

Current waiver public meeting activities:

HSD is preparing formal public comment activities for the **Mi Via waiver Amendment:**

- Mid October 2016: Tribal comment period begins
- Mid November 2016: Public comment period begins
- Mid December 2016: Public hearing in Santa Fe and public comment period ends
- January 2016: Submit waiver to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

HSD is preparing formal public comment activities for the **Developmental Disabilities waiver Renewal:**

- December 2016: Tribal comment period begins
- January 2017: Public comment period begins
- Early February 2017: Public hearing in Santa Fe and public comment period ends
- Mid February 2017: Submit waiver to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services