

Bernalillo County solicited public comment online from September 8 – October 8. Over 130 separate comments were received, many of them on the same topic. The table below shows proposed revisions for key topics - based on public comments and discussions between Bernalillo County, UNMH and the Indian Health Service - being submitted to the County Commission for a public hearing on February 13, 2018.

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<p>MOU</p> <p>Sec. B.2.B</p> <p>page 3</p>	<p>2. The University agrees that UNMH will continue to fund from its operational funds one or more navigational services programs and a transition planning and case management services program. The expenditure for the services will be no more than \$2,060,000 annually, adjusted by consumer price index rate, for each year. An annual report of the number of Native Americans served by these programs will be included as part of the “Annual UNMH Report” to the Pueblos and Tribes.</p>	<p>2. The University agrees that UNMH will continue to fund from its operational funds one or more navigational services programs and a transition planning and case management services program. The navigational services shall have the goal of expanding community-based outreach and navigation support in the health system through community-based programs. The transition planning and case management services programs will be directed at providing services to individuals being discharged from the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Detention Center. The expenditure for the services will be \$2,060,000 annually, adjusted by consumer price index rate, for each year. An annual report of the number of Native Americans served by these programs will be included as part of the “Annual UNMH Report” to the Pueblos and Tribes.</p>
<p>Exhibit A</p> <p>Sec B-5</p> <p>Page A-3</p>	<p>5. UNMH will provide additional financial information as may be reasonably requested by the County Manager or IHS, including but not limited to the annual expenditures and revenues of each UNMH department on a quarterly basis.</p>	<p>B5. UNMH will provide additional financial information as may be reasonably requested by the County Manager or IHS, including but not limited to annual expenditures of the proceeds of the mill levy (presented and calculated based on the percentage of the total annual amount of net revenue of UNMH), as well as of the expenditures and revenues of each UNMH department on a quarterly basis, or as otherwise agreed by both parties.</p>

<p>Exhibit A Sec D-3 Page A-6</p>	<p>3. UNMH's financial assistance program will, subject to the limitations described in Section D.2 above, offer financial assistance for medical care for eligible low-income patients for medically necessary services at UNMH facilities. The County recognizes that, except for purchased and referred care coverage for Bernalillo County Native Americans, UNMH's financial assistance program is a payer of last resort. Therefore, the County understands that UNMH may require patients to seek other health insurance through employers, the Exchange, the State's High Risk Pool, Medicare Parts B and D, or any other coverage source, including Medicaid, EMSA, etc. prior to eligibility for financial assistance.</p>	<p>D3. UNMH's financial assistance program will, subject to the limitations described in Section D.2 above, offer financial assistance for medical care for low-income patients for medically necessary services at UNMH facilities. The County recognizes that, except for purchased and referred care coverage for Bernalillo County Native Americans, UNMH's financial assistance program is a payer of last resort for patients who have public or private insurance or related third-party coverage. Therefore, the County understands that UNMH may require patients to seek Medicaid (including EMSA) coverage prior to eligibility for financial assistance. UNMH will also encourage and assist applicants for financial assistance to apply for other health insurance available through employers, the Exchange, the State's High Risk Pool, Medicare Parts B and D, or any other coverage source if it is considered to be affordable for the patient. However, no patient will be denied medically necessary services while applying for other coverage. This application process is optional for Native Americans.</p>
<p>Exhibit A Sec D-4 Page A-6</p>	<p>4. UNMH will endeavor to continue its financial assistance policies with a view to affording access to medically necessary care. For all financial assistance-eligible low-income patients, UNMH will endeavor to provide that any fees, co-pays, or down payments for medically necessary care will be reasonably related to income. Native Americans are not subject to this requirement.</p>	<p>D4. UNMH will continue its financial assistance policies regarding access to medically necessary care. For all financial assistance-eligible low-income patients, UNMH will endeavor to provide that any fees, co-pays, or down payments for medically necessary care will be reasonably related to income. Native Americans are not subject to this requirement.</p>

<p>Exhibit A Sec D-5 Page A-6</p>	<p>5. UNMH will endeavor to establish patient payment policies (in terms of fees, co-pays, and/or down payments) for low-income patients who are not financial assistance-eligible that do not create a material barrier to such patients' access to medically necessary health care. Native Americans are not subject to this requirement.</p>	<p>D5. UNM will establish patient payment policies (in terms of fees, co-pays, and/or down payments) for low-income patients who are not financial assistance-eligible that do not create a material barrier to such patients' access to medically necessary health care. Native Americans are not subject to this requirement.</p>
<p>Exhibit A Sec D-6 Page A-6</p>	<p>6. Patients whose income levels do not meet the requirements for free or reduced-cost medical care, but who are unable to pay their outstanding bills, will be provided a re-payment plan.</p>	<p>D6. Patients whose income levels do not meet the requirements for free or reduced-cost medical care, but who are unable to pay their outstanding bills, will be given the opportunity to establish a re-payment plan which is reasonably related to their income.</p>
<p>Exhibit A Sec D-8 Page A-7</p>	<p>8. UNMH will maintain and/or modify its billing services to provide that no financial assistance-eligible or financially indigent low-income patient (as defined in one or more policies) who is on a payment plan is sent to a collection service for payment.</p>	<p>D8. Subject to UNMH's compliance with applicable Medicare provider reimbursement regulations and rules, UNMH will maintain and/or modify its billing services to provide that no patient who is determined to be indigent is sent to a collection service for payment for outstanding amounts owed to UNMH.</p>