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Potential SBIRT Medicaid Providers:

New Mexico Medicaid has set forth policy and rules for the Medicaid 1115 Waiver, which took effect January 2019. The Behavioral Health Policy and Billing Manual outlines adopted policies for NM SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment).

The success of the SAMHSA grant 2013-2018, garnered collective interest and commitment to continue the NM SBIRT project's intent to integrate Behavioral Health into medical facilities and expand the program statewide. Medicaid reimbursement rates provide for best patient care and allow for improved financial resources for medical facilities who adopt NM SBIRT into their practices. NM SBIRT's successes, often surpassing national outcomes, were the result of a carefully designed implementation and practices. Policies for NM SBIRT are constructed to assure fidelity to the model most recently in place during the grant.

As stated in the policy manual, training for NM SBIRT must be provided by a state approved entity. The Life Link has had oversight responsibilities for the final nearly three years of the grant and with the advent of the 1115 Waiver, The Life Link Training Institute (LLTI) is contracted with the Behavioral Services Division and is authorized to provide SBIRT trainings to eligible medical facilities' staff in order to certify sites.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mika Tari", is positioned above the typed name.

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