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Santa Fe County, serving as the Accountable Entity for Region 1
102 Grant Ave
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Dear Ms. Anne Ryan,

The New Mexico Health Care Authority (HCA) has completed its review of Region 1's submission for the Early Access Regional Funding. On January 20, 2026 the Behavioral Health Executive Committee met to review all Early Access Regional Plan submissions, and after careful consideration we regret to inform you that Region 1 was not approved for an award at this time.

However, Region 1 has been approved for a 45-day extension to revise and resubmit its proposal. The revised submission shall be due to the Behavioral Health Services Division (BHSD) no later than **March 15, 2026**. This extension is intended to provide additional time to strengthen Region 1's application, expanding upon the intended use of funds and more clearly align requested investments with identified urgent behavioral health service needs within your region. In your resubmission, please identify each provider that will be the recipient of early access funding.

As stated in Section 4.5 and 4.6 in the [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#):

Consistent with the Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act, Early Access funds may be used to cover direct service delivery, program start-up and expansion costs, workforce recruitment and retention, and infrastructure needs to sustain behavioral health services within each region, nation, pueblo, or tribe.

Funds are further limited in duration and scope, may only support allowable services identified in the regional plan, and cannot duplicate existing funding streams or supplant other federal, state, or local resources.

We appreciate the time and effort invested in your submission and encourage continued engagement with BHSD as the process moves forward. We look forward to continued collaboration in support of New Mexico's behavioral health system.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or requests for technical assistance during the resubmission period.

Sincerely,

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