



New Mexico Self-Verification Guide: Detecting Possible Misuse of Benefits and Services in Your Name (Parents & Caregivers)

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Purpose: This document provides a New Mexico-specific, legally safe pathway for parents, caregivers, and guardians to verify whether public benefits or services were billed, paid, or claimed using their own identity or that of a dependent, and outlines official steps to take when discrepancies are identified.

Introduction

New Mexico does not operate a single public, name-searchable clearinghouse for all public benefit payments or claims. Records are maintained by individual agencies under state and federal confidentiality requirements. The appropriate approach is **self-verification**: review official records you are legally entitled to access, then use formal dispute or fraud-reporting channels if needed.

Section 1 — Licensed Child Care Verification (NM Early Childhood Education & Care Department)

Child care licensing and oversight in New Mexico are administered by the Early Childhood Education and Care Department (ECECD).

1.1 Official child care provider search

New Mexico Child Care Finder:

<https://childcare.ececd.nm.gov> [1]

1.2 Licensing and compliance overview

ECECD — Child Care Licensing:

<https://www.nmeccd.org/child-care-licensing/> [2]

Section 2 — Child Care Assistance (NM Child Care Assistance Program)

New Mexico administers child care subsidies through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP), funded in part by the federal Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF).

2.1 Official program information

NM ECECD — Child Care Assistance:

<https://www.nmeccd.org/child-care-assistance/> [3]

2.2 Apply / manage benefits

YES New Mexico (apply, manage cases, notices):

<https://www.yes.state.nm.us> [4]

2.3 What parents/guardians should review

- Eligibility and authorization notices
- Approved provider name and authorized dates
- Attendance versus authorized care

Section 3 — Health Coverage Claims (New Mexico Medicaid)

Health services billed under New Mexico Medicaid generate formal claims records. These records are the primary source for verifying whether services were billed in your name or your child's name.

3.1 New Mexico Medicaid member resources

NM Human Services Department — Medicaid:

<https://www.hsd.state.nm.us/medical-assistance/> [5]

3.2 Reporting Medicaid fraud

NM HSD Office of Inspector General — Report Fraud:

<https://www.hsd.state.nm.us/about-hsd/office-of-inspector-general/> [6]

Section 4 — Public Records Requests (New Mexico Inspection of Public Records Act)

Public access to government records in New Mexico is governed by the Inspection of Public Records Act (IPRA). Records involving minors or health/benefit cases may be exempt; however, parents and guardians may request records they are legally entitled to receive.

4.1 New Mexico Attorney General — IPRA guidance

NM Attorney General — Inspection of Public Records:

<https://www.nmag.gov/about-the-office/civil-division/inspection-of-public-records/> [7]

Section 5 — Reporting Suspected Fraud (New Mexico Official Channels)

Preserve documentation (letters, notices, provider names, dates) before submitting a report.

5.1 Medicaid and public assistance fraud

NM HSD Office of Inspector General:

<https://www.hsd.state.nm.us/about-hsd/office-of-inspector-general/> [6]

Appendix A — Official New Mexico Resources

1. NM Child Care Finder — <https://childcare.ececd.nm.gov>
2. ECECD Child Care Licensing — <https://www.nmececd.org/child-care-licensing/>
3. ECECD Child Care Assistance — <https://www.nmececd.org/child-care-assistance/>
4. YES New Mexico — <https://www.yes.state.nm.us>
5. NM Medicaid — <https://www.hsd.state.nm.us/medical-assistance/>
6. NM HSD OIG — <https://www.hsd.state.nm.us/about-hsd/office-of-inspector-general/>
7. NM Attorney General IPRA — <https://www.nmag.gov/about-the-office/civil-division/inspection-of-public-records/>

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