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Dear Ms. Davis,

The New Mexico Human Services Department (HSD) appreciates WellCare of New Mexico's response to the Request for Information (RFI) to establish a Native American Managed Care Organization, as an Indian Managed Care Entity (IMCE), in accordance with federal provisions. HSD released the RFI in January 2018 to gauge interest of New Mexico Tribal organizations and inform policy considerations regarding the establishment of a Native American MCO, as an IMCE, in New Mexico. We received three responses to the RFI and have thoroughly reviewed all responses.

A committee comprised of HSD staff from the Office of the Secretary and the Medical Assistance Division thoroughly reviewed Wellcare of New Mexico's response and determined that it is not able to proceed with next steps due to Wellcare's inability to demonstrate that it meets the federal IMCE requirements of "controlled by Indian Health Services, a Tribe, Tribal Organization or Urban Indian Organization."

HSD appreciates the effort that Wellcare of New Mexico extended in its response to the RFI. We look forward to continuing to make progress on the initiative to establish an IMCE in New Mexico and will share relevant information with stakeholders as it becomes available.

Sincerely,



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Secretary

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