

June 16, 2015

Interested parties

RE: Tribal Consultation Letter 15-12: New Mexico State Plan Amendment (SPA) 15-11, Hospital Based Rural Health Clinics Reimbursement

Dear Tribal Leadership, Indian Health Service, Tribal Facilities and other interested parties,

Consultation with New Mexico's Indian Nations, Tribes, Pueblos and their healthcare providers is an important component of the government-to-government relationship with the State of New Mexico. In accordance with the New Mexico Human Services Department's (HSD) Tribal Consultation requirements, this letter is to inform you that HSD, through the Medical Assistance Division (MAD), is accepting written comments through July 17, 2015, regarding its proposed amendments to the SPA 15-11 – Hospital Based Rural Health Clinics Reimbursement. The proposed amendments to SPA 15-11 detail MAD's plans to reimburse hospital based rural health clinic services at the provider rate established by Medicare that is in effect on a specific date of service. The Department does not anticipate a negative service or financial impact to individuals, tribes, or health care providers with this proposed amendment. The amendment to SPA 15-011 is anticipated to have an annual cost of approximately \$1.5 million. MAD is proposing to have the amendment effective July 1, 2015.

Tribal Impact: *HSD does not anticipate a negative service or financial impact to individuals, tribes or their healthcare providers.*

Tribal Consultation Comments -

Tribes and their healthcare providers may view proposed SPA 15-009 and Attachment 4-19-B on the HSD webpage at: <http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/providers/written-tribal-consultations.aspx>, ***Consultation Letter 15-12.***

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Written comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time (MDT) on July 17, 2015.** Please send your comments and questions to the MAD Native American Liaison, Theresa Belanger, Medical Assistance Division, P.O. Box 2348, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2348, by phone at (505) 827-3122 or by email at: Theresa.Belanger@state.nm.us.
- All tribal consultation comments and responses will be compiled and available ***after August 3, 2015.***

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nancy Smith-Leslie". The signature is written in a cursive style and is centered within a light-colored rectangular box.

Nancy Smith-Leslie, Director
Medical Assistance Division

cc: Theresa Belanger, Native American Liaison, MAD
Russell Toal, Deputy Director, MAD
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