

June 1, 2015

Interested parties

RE: Tribal Consultation Letter 15-10: New Mexico State Plan Amendment (SPA) 15-09, Long Term Care Partnership

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 1, 2015, regarding SPA 15-09 – Long Term Care Partnership proposed amendment to the Medicaid State Plan.

The amendment will implement a resource disregard for a beneficiary under a long-term care insurance policy that meets the requirements of a Qualified State Long-term Care Insurance Partnership policy (partnership policy). SPA 15-09 includes an affirmation HSD will not seek adjustment or recovery from the eligible recipient's estate for the amount of assets or resources disregarded in the instance where he or she may have been covered under a qualified long term care insurance policy and may have received benefits for which assets or resources were disregarded. HSD is proposing to have the amendment effective August 15, 2015. SPA 15-09 is estimated to have zero budget impact for the first two years of implementation.

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

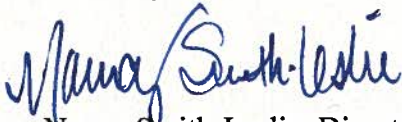
Tribal Consultation Comments -

Tribes and their healthcare providers may view proposed SPA 15-09 and Attachment 4-19-B on the HSD webpage at: <http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/providers/written-tribal-consultations.aspx>, ***Consultation Letter 15-10.***

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Written comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time (MDT) on July 1, 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 July 24, 2015*.

Sincerely,



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