



Susana Martinez, Governor
Brent Earnest, Secretary-Designate
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Interested parties

RE: Tribal Consultation Letter 15-05: New Mexico State Plan Amendment (SPA) 15-001, Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services and 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 March 29, 2015, regarding its proposed fee schedule for Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) codes and rates.

The American Medical Association (AMA) released new Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes specific for ABA services for 2015. HSD's proposed ABA fee schedule provides reimbursement levels for CPT codes to support children and adolescents with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and those who are at-risk of being diagnosed with ASD receive high quality services. The total increased expenditure to the Medicaid Program, including managed care plans, associated with ABA services is anticipated to be approximately \$1,500,000 annually.

The purpose of this consultation letter 15-05 is to receive comments on HSD's proposed ABA fee schedule rates and State Plan Amendment 15-001 Attachment 4-19-B.

- **Tribal Impact:** *HSD does not anticipate a negative service or financial impact to individuals, tribes or their healthcare providers. Instead, HSD believes the addition of these codes and accompanying rates will encourage providers to render high quality ABA services to children and adolescents with a diagnosis of ASD or those at-risk for a diagnosis of ASD.*

Tribal Consultation Comments -

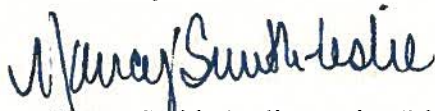
Tribes and their healthcare providers may view proposed NMAC rule, SPA 15-001-Attachment 4-19-B and the ABA proposed fee schedule on the HSD webpage at:

<http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/providers/written-tribal-consultations.aspx>, ***Consultation Letter 15-05.***

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Written comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time (MDT) on March 29, 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 April 5, 2015*.
- HSD plans to submit this State Plan Amendment no later than April 24, 2015.

Sincerely,



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