January 11, 2016

RE: Tribal Consultation Letter 16-01: Managed Care Policy Manual

Dear Tribal Leadership, IHS, Tribal Facility or 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 February 10, 2016, regarding proposed revisions to the Centennial Care Policy Manual.

**Proposed revisions to the Centennial Care Policy Manual**

1) Section 03 Member Education

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

2) Section 04 Care Coordination

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

3) Section 06 Nursing Facility Level of Care Determination

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

4) Section 07 Community Benefit

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

5) Section 08 Agency-Based Community Benefit

   **Tribal Impact:** HSD does not anticipate a service or financial impact to individual, tribes or their healthcare providers.
6) Section 09 Self-Directed Community Benefit

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

7) Section 21 Quality

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

**Tribal Consultation Comments** –
Tribes and their healthcare providers may view the proposed Centennial Care Policy Manual revisions on the Human Services Department’s webpage at: [http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/providers/written-tribal-consultation-letters.aspx](http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/providers/written-tribal-consultation-letters.aspx), Letter 16-01

**Important Dates**
- Written comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time (MST) on February 10, 2016. Please send your comments and questions to the MAD Native American Liaison, Theresa Belanger, at (505) 827-3122 or by email at: Theresa.Belanger@state.nm.us.

- Comments and responses will be compiled and made available upon request by March 1, 2016. After considering the comments received and making changes deemed necessary, the final version of the Centennial Care Policy Manual will also be available and effective March 1, 2016.

Sincerely,

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