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**RE: Tribal Notification to Request Advice and Comments Letter 21-05: Medication Assisted Treatment**

Dear Tribal Leadership, Indian Health Service, Tribal Health Providers, and Other Interested Parties:

Seeking advice and comments from New Mexico's Indian Nations, Tribes, Pueblos and their health care 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's) Tribal Notification to Request Advice and Comments process, this letter is to inform you that HSD, through the Medical Assistance Division (MAD), is accepting comments until **5:00 p.m. Mountain Time (MT) March 26, 2021**, regarding State Plan Amendment (SPA) 21-0004, Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT).

Effective April 1, 2021, this SPA makes a technical change to the New Mexico State Plan to clarify that New Mexico Medicaid provides the medication assisted treatment (MAT) benefit in compliance with section 1006(b) of the Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities (SUPPORT) Act. MAT services include all FDA-approved or licensed drugs and biologicals to treat opioid use disorder (OUD), counseling services and behavioral therapy.

**Tribal Impact**

The Department does not anticipate a financial or tribal impact with this SPA. Medication Assisted Treatment services are already a covered benefit; this SPA clarifies the coverage and reimbursement.

**Tribal Advice and Comments**

Tribes and their healthcare providers may view the proposed changes, on the HSD webpage at: <https://www.hsd.state.nm.us/providers/written-tribal-consultations/> **Tribal Notification 21-05.**

**Important Dates**

**Written comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time (MT) March 26, 2021.** Please send your comments to the MAD Native American Liaison, **Theresa Belanger**, at (505) 670-8067 or by email at: [Theresa.Belanger@state.nm.us](mailto:Theresa.Belanger@state.nm.us). All written comments received will be posted on the HSD

website at: <https://www.hsd.state.nm.us/providers/written-tribal-consultations/> along with this notification letter. The public posting will include the name and any contact information provided by the commenter.

Sincerely,



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