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**RE: Tribal Notification to Request Advice and Comments Letter 22-31: Personal Care Services (PCS) and Private Duty Nursing (PDN) Rate Increase**

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) January 8, 2023**, regarding state plan amendment (SPA) 23-0001 Personal Care Services (PCS) and Private Duty Nursing (PDN) Rate Increase.

New Mexico Medicaid is implementing a rate increase for providers of PCS and PDN services under the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit. Effective the first day after the public health emergency (PHE) ends, reimbursement for providers of PCS and PDN services under EPSDT will be set at the same rate as 1915(c) provider rates. The increase will help ensure that New Mexico has an adequate provider base and workforce to care for eligible members under the age of 21.

**Tribal Impact**

HSD anticipates a positive impact for Indian Nations, Tribes, and Pueblos and their health care providers.

**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 22-31**.

**Important Dates**

**Written comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time (MT) January 8, 2023.** 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.

**Tribal Leadership may request a government-to-government consultation by January 8, 2023.**  
This request may be made to: [Theresa.Belanger@state.nm.us](mailto:Theresa.Belanger@state.nm.us) or by calling (505) 670-8067.

Sincerely,



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