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David R. Scrase, M.D., Secretary  
Nicole Comeaux, J.D., M.P.H., Director

December 28, 2022

**RE: Tribal Notification to Request Advice and Comments Letter 22-35: Adult Vaccine Coverage**

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 29, 2023** regarding proposed state plan amendment (SPA) 23-0003 Adult Vaccine Coverage.

Effective February 1, 2023, New Mexico is updating its state plan to reflect that the State covers all preventive services assigned a grade of A or B by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF), and all approved vaccines recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), and their administration. The changes are being made to comply with Section 4106 of the Affordable Care Act.

**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 22-35.**

**Important Dates**

**Written comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time (MT) January 29, 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 29, 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nicole Comeaux". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "N" and "C".

Nicole Comeaux, J.D., M.P.H.  
State Medicaid Director