



Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor
Kari Armijo, Acting Secretary
Lorelei Kellogg, Acting Medicaid Director

June 16, 2023

RE: Tribal Notification to Request Advice and Comments Letter 23-09: Community Health Worker/Community Health Representative

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) July 16, 2023**, regarding state plan amendment (SPA) 23-0011 Community Health Worker (CHW)/Community Health Representative (CHR).

Effective July 1, 2023, New Mexico Medicaid is adding coverage for CHW/CHR as a new reimbursable preventive service at 42 CFR 440.60 as described in SPA 23-0011. CHW/CHR services include health education, health navigation and clinical support. Research into CHW/CHR interventions indicates reduced healthcare costs, improved control in chronic conditions including hypertension, diabetes, and pediatric asthma, reduced use of emergency services, and reductions in rehospitalizations.

Tribal Impact

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

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 23-09.**

Important Dates

Written comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time (MT) July 16, 2023. Please send your comments to the MAD Native American Liaison, **Theresa Belanger**, at **(505) 670-8067** or by email at: Theresa.Belanger@hsd.nm.gov. 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 July 16, 2023. This request may be made to: Theresa.Belanger@hsd.nm.gov or by calling (505) 670-8067.

Sincerely,

A blue ink handwritten signature, appearing to read 'Lorelei Kellogg', is positioned above the typed name.

Lorelei Kellogg
Acting Medicaid Director