



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

June 28, 2023

**RE: Tribal Notification to Request Advice and Comments Letter 23-10: Proposed Increases to Medicaid Provider Payment Rates.**

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 28, 2023**, regarding state plan amendment (SPA) 23-0012 Proposed Increases to Medicaid Provider Payment Rates.

The New Mexico Human Services Department (HSD) is implementing specific provider reimbursement rate increases as part of Governor Lujan Grisham's focus on health care and as a critical step in strengthening the state's partnership with providers who deliver care and services to Medicaid patients. The proposed rate increases were supported, endorsed and funded by the New Mexico Legislature in House Bill 2 (HB2) during the 2023 Legislative Session. Raising Medicaid reimbursement rates will help ensure access to high-quality care for Medicaid patients and attract and retain health care providers in New Mexico.

The proposed rate increases include:

- Reimbursement raised to 120% of the established Medicare rate for maternal and child health services, primary care, and behavioral health services; and
- Reimbursement raised up to 100% of the established Medicare rate for other services.

Where Medicare rates are not available because the service is not covered, the remainder of the HB2 appropriation is disbursed across the fee schedule codes, resulting in a 4.68% increase to the fee-for-service rates. Services delivered through managed care without a corresponding fee-for-service rate are expected to receive an average 4.68% increase."

## Federal Fiscal Year 2024

Services	State Share (\$000s)	FFP (\$000s)	Total (\$000s)
Maternal Health	\$7,163	\$19,333	\$26,496
Primary Care	\$38,539	\$104,014	\$142,553
Behavioral Health	\$11,020	\$29,744	\$40,765
All other Codes	\$22,562	\$60,893	\$83,456
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$79,285</b>	<b>\$213,985</b>	<b>\$293,271</b>

### 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 23-10.**

### Link to Proposed Rates:

<chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.hsd.state.nm.us/wp-content/uploads/Proposed-Rate-Table.pdf>

### Important Dates

**Written comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time (MT) July 28, 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](mailto: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 28, 2023.** This request may be made to: [Theresa.Belanger@hsd.nm.gov](mailto:Theresa.Belanger@hsd.nm.gov) or by calling (505) 670-8067.

Sincerely,



Lorelei Kellogg  
Acting Medicaid Director

