

March 19, 2021

RE: Tribal Notification to Request Advice and Comments Letter 21-03: CareLink New Mexico Policy Manual

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 written comments until **5:00 p.m. Mountain Time (MT) April 19, 2021** regarding proposed amendments to CareLink New Mexico Policy Manual, which updates eligibility criteria for Health Homes to include Substance Use Disorder (SUD).

The addition of SUD to CareLink eligibility criteria will enable CareLink providers to enroll members with diagnoses of Substance Use Disorder in addition to Serious Mental Illness and Severe Emotional Disturbance diagnoses.

Estimated Total Financial Impact

Changes to the CareLink Policy Manual will have no financial impact.

Tribal Impact

The addition of Substance Use Disorder to CareLink eligibility criteria will enable Tribal providers to serve clients with diagnoses in the SUD spectrum, in addition to clients with diagnoses of Serious Mental Illness and Severe Emotional Disturbance.

Tribal Advice and Comments

Tribes and tribal healthcare providers may view the proposed CareLink New Mexico Policy Manual on the HSD webpage at: <https://www.hsd.state.nm.us/providers/written-tribal-consultations/> **Notification Letter 21-03**.

A written copy of these documents may be requested by contacting the HSD Medical Assistance Division (HSD/MAD) in Santa Fe at (505) 827-1337.

Written advice and comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time (MT) April 19, 2021.

Please send your advice, comments or questions to the MAD Native American Liaison, Theresa Belanger, at (505) 670-8067 or by email to theresa.belanger@state.nm.us. All comments and responses will be compiled and made available upon request.

Sincerely,



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