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Kari Armijo, Secretary
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December 28, 2023

RE: Tribal Notification to Request Advice and Comments Letter 23-23: Chiropractic Adult Benefit Plan (ABP)

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 27, 2024**, regarding state plan amendment (SPA) 23-0018 Chiropractic Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP).

The New Mexico Human Services Department Medical Assistance Division is providing notice on plans to submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) request to reimburse chiropractic services under the Alternative Benefit Plan, for all adults who have a primary diagnosis of neck pain, back pain, musculoskeletal pain, or headaches that are not eligible for Long-term Support Services (LTSS) through Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) and Mi Via programs, in which these services are already covered, effective January 1, 2024.

Tribal Impact

HSD does not anticipate a negative 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 23-23.**

Important Dates

Written comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time (MT) January 27, 2024. 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 January 27, 2024. This request may be made to: Theresa.Belanger@hsd.nm.gov or by calling (505) 670-8067.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and a horizontal line at the bottom.

Lorelei Kellogg
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