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March 3, 2023

RE: Tribal Notification to Request Advice and Comments Letter 23-02: New Mexico Human Services Department (HSD) Pharmacy Policy and Billing 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) on April 3, 2023** regarding the proposed new Pharmacy Policy and Billing Manual amendments to Pharmacy Billing and Policy Manual. This is a new provider policy and billing manual intended to provide clarity around pharmacy procedures and billing.

Estimated Total Financial Impact

HSD anticipates no financial impact as a result of the Pharmacy Billing and Policy Manual.

Tribal Impact

HSD anticipates changes to the Pharmacy Billing and Policy Manual will allow providers, serving tribal members, to access pertinent billing and policy information in a clear and accessible format.

Tribal Advice and Comments

Tribes and tribal healthcare providers may view the proposed Pharmacy Billing and Policy Manual on the HSD webpage at: <https://www.hsd.state.nm.us/providers/written-tribal-consultations/>. ***Notification Letter 23-02.***

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.

Important Dates

Written advice and comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. MT on April 3, 2023.

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@hsd.nm.gov.

All comments and responses will be compiled and made available after April 24, 2023.

Sincerely,

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

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Medical Assistance Division