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RE: Tribal Notification to Request Advice and Comments Letter 22-32: CareLink NM Health Homes 2022 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 January 30, 2023**, regarding proposed amendments to the CareLink New Mexico Policy and Billing Manual. Changes include updated links to reference material as well as other MAD policies and documents; changes to align language and acronyms with other MAD provider instructions and formatting adjustments. The intention of this amendment is to create a more clear and accessible billing and policy manual for providers.

Estimated Total Financial Impact

HSD anticipates no financial impact as a result of changes to the CareLink Policy and Billing Manual.

Tribal Impact

HSD anticipates changes to the CareLink Policy and Billing 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 CareLink New Mexico Policy and Billing Manual on the HSD webpage at: <https://www.hsd.state.nm.us/providers/written-tribal-consultations/>. *Notification Letter 22-32.*

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 January 30, 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@state.nm.us.

All comments and responses will be compiled and made available after February 20, 2023.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nicole Comeaux". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Nicole" and last name "Comeaux" clearly distinguishable.

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