

April 11, 2016

RE: Tribal Notification Requesting Advice and Comments - Letter 16-07: Proposal to Amend 8.308.7 NMAC Managed Care Program Enrollment and Disenrollment

Dear Tribal Leadership, Indian Health Service, Tribal Health Providers and other interested parties,

In accordance with the New Mexico Human Services Department's (HSD) policies, this letter is to notify you that HSD is proposing to amendment to 8.308.7 NMAC *Enrollment and Disenrollment*. Specifically, the proposed amendment is in Section 9 Subsection C: *Auto Assignment*.

Currently, when an eligible recipient, who is enrolled in a Medicaid Managed Care Organization (MCO), loses his or her eligibility and later regains eligibility, he or she is re-enrolled to his or her previous MCO if there are two months or less between the dates of termination to re-enrollment.

HSD is proposing to extend this time period from *two months* to *six months* in an effort to enhance continuation and coordination of care for the eligible recipient.

Tribal Impact: *HSD does not anticipate a negative service or financial impact to individuals, tribes or their health providers. HSD anticipates enhanced continuation and coordination of care for Native Americans who are enrolled in a Medicaid managed care organization.*

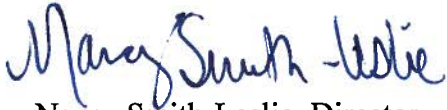
This change will not affect a Native American who has not elected to be enrolled in a Medicaid managed care organization.

Tribes and their health providers may view the proposed amendment to the 8.308.7 NMAC rule at the HSD webpage at: <http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/providers/written-tribal-consultations.aspx>, ***Notification Letter 16-07***.

- A public hearing will be held May 31, 2016, at 11 a.m. MDT in Hearing Room 2, Toney Anaya Building, Santa Fe. All comments must be received by 5 p.m. MDT May 31, 2016.
- You may also send comments and questions to the MAD Native American Liaison, Theresa Belanger, Medical Assistance Division, P.O. Box 2348, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2348, by phone at (505) 827-3122 or by email at: Theresa.belanger@state.nm.us

- HSD anticipates an effective date of July 1, 2016.

Sincerely,



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