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February 19, 2021

RE: Tribal Notification to Request Advice and Comments Letter 21-06: Rescission of SPA 20-0014 Pharmacy Curbside Payment

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 **5:00pm Mountain Time (MT) on March 21, 2021,** regarding proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) 21-0002.

Effective October 1, 2020, SPA 21-0002 rescinds SPA 20-0014 of the state plan which provides a rate increase of \$1 to curbside medication pick-up for all Medicaid pharmacy providers.

Tribal Impact

There is no financial impact related to this State Plan Amendment.

Tribal Advice and Comments

Tribes and tribal health care providers may view the proposed changes on the HSD website at: <u>https://www.hsd.state.nm.us/providers/written-tribal-consultations/</u> Tribal Notification **21-06**.

Important Dates

Written comments must be submitted by 5:00pm Mountain Time (MT) on March 21, 2021. Please send your comments to the MAD Native American Liaison, Theresa Belanger, at (505) 670-8067 or by email to Theresa.Belanger@state.nm.us. All written comments received will be posted as they are received on the HSD website at: <u>https://www.hsd.state.nm.us/providers/written-tribal-consultations/</u> along with the applicable notification letter. The public posting will include the name and any contact information provided by the commenter.

Sincerely,

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