

Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor David R. Scrase, M.D., Secretary Nicole Comeaux, J.D., M.P.H, Director

June 16, 2021

RE: Tribal Notification to Request Advice and Comments Letter 21-13: Family Infant Toddler (FIT) Program Rate Increases

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**) **July 16, 2021**, regarding proposed increases for Family Infant Toddler (FIT) program rates for specific services provided on or after July 1, 2021.

These changes are being made due to the Early Childhood Education and Care Department (ECECD), Division of Support and Intervention – Family Infant Toddler (FIT) Program receiving an appropriation of \$1,400,000 from the 2021 State Legislature for rate increases to FIT Program services, which are funded by State and Medicaid funds. These services are provided under EPSDT – Special Rehabilitation and the State General Fund; the match will be paid through the ECECD.

Service	Current Procedure Code/Modifier	Current Rate	FY 22 Rate
Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Evaluation	H2000 TL	\$ 725.00	\$ 781.50
Home and Community Individual	T1027 TL	\$ 29.75	\$ 30.00
Center-Based Individual	T1027 TL TT	\$ 20.00	\$ 25.00
Center-Based Group	T1027 TL HQ	\$ 7.00	\$ 10.00
Family Service Coordination	T2023 TL	\$ 189.50	\$ 194.50

FIT Program Service Rate Increase for Services Provided on or after July 1, 2021

Tribal Impact

The Human Services Department does not anticipate a service or financial impact to Indian Nations, Tribes, Pueblos or their health care providers with these proposed FIT Program Rate Increases.

Tribal Advice and Comments

Tribes and their healthcare providers may view the proposed changes, on the HSD webpage at: <u>https://www.hsd.state.nm.us/providers/written-tribal-consultations/</u> Tribal Notification 21-13.

Important Dates

Written comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time (MT) July 16, 2021. Please send your comments to the MAD Native American Liaison, Theresa Belanger, at (505) 670-8067 or by email at: <u>Theresa.Belanger@state.nm.us</u>. All written comments received will be posted on the HSD website at: <u>https://www.hsd.state.nm.us/providers/written-tribal-consultations/</u> along with this notification letter. The public posting will include the name and any contact information provided by the commenter.

Sincerely,

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