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September 17, 2021

RE: Tribal Notification to Request Advice and Comments Letter 21-20: Health Homes High Fidelity Wraparound (HFW) State Plan Amendment

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) October 17, 2021, regarding proposed changes to State Plan Amendment (SPA) 21-0011.

The Department is removing high fidelity wraparound from two of the CareLink New Mexico (CLNM) Health Homes in order to comply with New Mexico's 1115 waiver amendment to expand HFW throughout the State. This will assure there is no duplication of service for these beneficiaries. Both CLNM Health Homes sites will have the option of becoming HFW providers within the new State initiative.

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 changes; high fidelity wraparound is still available through New Mexico's 1115 waiver amendment.

Tribal Advice and Comments

Tribes and their healthcare providers may view the proposed changes, on the HSD webpage at: https://www.hsd.state.nm.us/providers/written-tribal-consultations/ **Tribal Notification 21-20.**

Important Dates

Written comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time (MT) October 17, 2021. Please send your comments to the MAD Native American Liaison, Theresa Belanger, at (505) 670-8067 or by email at: Theresa.Belanger@state.nm.us. All written comments received will be posted on the HSD website at: https://www.hsd.state.nm.us/providers/written-tribal-consultations/ along with this notification letter. The public posting will include the name and any contact information provided by the commenter.

Tribal Leadership may request a government-to-government consultation by October 17, 2021.

This request can be made to: Theresa.Belanger@state.nm.us or by calling (505) 670-8067.

Sincerely,

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