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RE: Tribal Notification to Request Advice and Comments Letter 21-22: Presumptive Eligibility (PE)

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), November 23, 2021**, regarding proposed changes to presumptive eligibility.

Effective January 1, 2022, the New Mexico Human Services Department (HSD) is proposing to implement changes to presumptive eligibility. HSD is extending hospital presumptive eligibility to all Presumptive Eligibility Determiners (PEDs) to conduct determinations for all Affordable Care Act (ACA) categories of eligibility (COEs). These changes will enable more New Mexicans to apply for Medicaid coverage quickly and will also ensure that residents have immediate access to care.

Tribal Impact

The Human Services Department anticipates a positive impact to Indian Nations, Tribes, Pueblos and their health care providers. The proposed changes will enable New Mexicans to apply for Medicaid coverage quickly.

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 21-22.**

Important Dates

Written comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time (MT) November 23, 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 November 23, 2021. This request may be made to: Theresa.Belanger@state.nm.us or by calling (505) 670-8067.

Sincerely,



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