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RE: Tribal Notification to Request Advice and Comments Letter 22-14: COVID-19 Vaccine Coverage for Emergency Medical Services for Non-Citizens (EMSNC)

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) June 5, 2022**, regarding state plan amendment (SPA) 22-0014 COVID-19 Vaccine Coverage for Emergency Medical Services for Non-Citizens (EMSNC).

New Mexico Medicaid received approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), through an 1115 Demonstration Public Health Emergency (PHE) Amendment, for COVID-19 vaccine coverage for EMSNC individuals from December 14, 2020, through March 10, 2021. New Mexico Medicaid is expanding coverage of COVID-19 vaccines and their administration to the EMSNC population from March 11, 2021, through the end of the PHE.

Tribal Impact

HSD anticipates a positive impact for Indian Nations, Tribes, and Pueblos and their health care providers.

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 22-14.**

Important Dates

Written comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time (MT) June 5, 2022. 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 June 5, 2022. This request may be made to: Theresa.Belanger@state.nm.us or by calling (505) 670-8067.

Sincerely,



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