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David R. Scrase, M.D., Secretary
Nicole Comeaux, J.D., M.P.H, Director

September 14, 2022

RE: Tribal Notification to Request Advice and Comments Letter 22-26: Telehealth Services

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 15, 2022** regarding proposed state plan amendment (SPA) 22-0021 Telehealth Services.

Effective October 1, 2022, New Mexico is updating its State Plan. Language is being added to clarify that telehealth and teleconsultation services are reimbursed at the same rate as face-to-face visits.

The State of New Mexico currently reimburses telehealth and teleconsultation services at the same rate as face-to-face visits; however, the State Plan does not specify that.

Tribal Impact

There is no service or financial impact associated with this SPA.

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 22-26.**

Important Dates

Written comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time (MT) October 15, 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 October 15, 2022. This request may be made to: Theresa.Belanger@state.nm.us or by calling (505) 670-8067.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nicole Comeaux". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Nicole" and last name "Comeaux" clearly distinguishable.

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State Medicaid Director