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RE: Tribal Notification to Request Advice and Comments Letter 22-34: Prenatal Maternal Screening and Fetal Genetic Testing

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), January 29, 2023** regarding proposed state plan amendment (SPA) 23-0002 Prenatal Maternal Screening and Fetal Genetic Testing.

Effective February 1, 2023, New Mexico is updating its state plan to specify that New Mexico Medicaid will pay for prenatal maternal genetic screening and prenatal fetal genetic screening to determine if the fetus has a potential to be born with a genetic condition or birth defect. These screenings will: 1) help determine different options for the pregnancy; 2) determine whether special management of the pregnancy and delivery are needed; and 3) improve the outcome for the baby.

The State of New Mexico currently reimburses for prenatal diagnostic tests through amniocentesis or chorionic villus sampling (CVS); this SPA will allow prenatal non-invasive genetic screening coverage for all pregnant Medicaid eligible recipients.

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 22-34.**

Important Dates

Written comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time (MT) January 29, 2023. 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 January 29, 2023.
This request may be made to: Theresa.Belanger@state.nm.us or by calling (505) 670-8067.

Sincerely,



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