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RE: Tribal Notification to Request Advice and Comments Letter 23-06: COVID-19 Testing Group

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) May 14, 2023**, regarding state plan amendment (SPA) 23-0007 COVID-19 Testing Group.

Effective April 30, 2023, New Mexico Medicaid is ending coverage for the COVID-19 testing group at 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XXIII) of the Act as described in New Mexico Disaster SPA 20-0007.

Tribal Impact

Individuals covered under Medicaid as part of the COVID-19 testing group may be impacted by this change.

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 23-06.**

Important Dates

Written comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time (MT) May 14, 2023. Please send your comments to the MAD Native American Liaison, **Theresa Belanger**, at (505) 670-8067 or by email at: Theresa.Belanger@hsd.nm.gov. 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 May 14, 2023. This request may be made to: Theresa.Belanger@hsd.nm.gov or by calling (505) 670-8067.

Sincerely,



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