



HEALTH CARE  
AUTHORITY

**Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor**  
Kari Armijo, Secretary  
Dana Flannery, Medicaid Director

July 30, 2024

**RE: Tribal Notification to Request Advice and Comments Letter 24-18: SPA 24-0008, Autism Intervention**

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's Health Care Authority (HCA) Tribal Notification to Request Advice and Comments process, this letter is to inform you that the HCA, through the Medical Assistance Division (MAD), is accepting comments until 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time (MT) **August 30, 2024** regarding state plan amendment (SPA) 24-0008, Autism Intervention.

Effective October 1, 2024, New Mexico Medicaid will authorize the Qualified Applied Behavioral Analyst Board (QABA) as an acceptable certification for the Board Certified Behavioral Analyst (BCBA) requirement.

**Tribal Impact**

The HCA does not anticipate any impact for Indian Nations, Tribes, and Pueblos and their health care providers with this change.

**Tribal Advice and Comments**

Tribes and their healthcare providers may view the proposed changes, on the HCA webpage at: <https://www.hca.nm.gov/providers/written-tribal-notification-letters/> **Tribal Notification 24-18.**

**Important Dates**

**Written comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time (MT) August 30, 2024.**

Please send your comments to the MAD Native American Liaison, Theresa Belanger, at (505) 670-8067 or by email at: [Theresa.Belanger@hca.nm.gov](mailto:Theresa.Belanger@hca.nm.gov). All written comments received will be posted on New Mexico Medicaid website at: <https://www.hca.nm.gov/providers/written-tribal-notification-letters/> 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 **August 30, 2024**.  
This request may be made to: [Theresa.Belanger@hca.nm.gov](mailto:Theresa.Belanger@hca.nm.gov) or by calling (505) 670-8067.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dana Flannery', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Dana Flannery  
State Medicaid Director