



HEALTH CARE
AUTHORITY

Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor
Kari Armijo, Cabinet Secretary
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June 25, 2024

RE: Tribal Notification to Request Advice and Comments Letter 24-06: Comprehensive Addiction Recovery Act (CARA)

Dear Tribal Leadership, Indian Health Service, Tribal Health Providers, and Other Interested Parties:

Seeking advice and comments from New Mexico's Tribes, Nations, 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 Health Care Authority's (HCA's) Tribal Notification to Request Advice and Comments process, this letter is to inform you that HCA, through the Medical Assistance Division (MAD), is accepting comments until **5:00 p.m. Mountain Time (MT) July 25, 2024**, regarding state plan amendment (SPA) 24-0005, Comprehensive Addiction Recovery Act (CARA).

The New Mexico HCA/MAD is providing notice on plans to submit a SPA to request to add the CARA program-Plan of Care services for infants who have a prenatal exposure to substances.

Effective July 1, 2024, hospital providers can bill and be reimbursed for implementing a plan of care for infants in the (CARA) program separate from the Diagnoses Related Group (DRG). These are infants who have prenatal exposure to substances and require a plan of care that includes ongoing wrap around services and family referrals to voluntary support and treatment services once discharged.

Tribal Impact

HCA does not anticipate a negative 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 HCA/MAD webpage at: <https://www.hsd.state.nm.us/providers/written-tribal-consultations/> **Tribal Notification 24-06**

Important Dates

Written comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time (MT) July 25, 2024. 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 July 25, 2024. This request may be made to: Theresa.Belanger@hsd.nm.gov or by calling (505) 670-8067.

Sincerely,

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

Dana Flannery
Medicaid Director