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TO: TRIBAL 638 FACILITIES

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SUBJECT: TRIBAL FQHC DESIGNATION AND BILLING GUIDANCE

The New Mexico Human Services Department, Medical Assistance Division (MAD) is issuing this Supplement to inform Tribal 638s of the option to designate their healthcare clinic as a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC).

The change removes previous requirements which prohibited some tribal and Indian healthcare providers from being designated as FQHCs. This change allows tribal healthcare providers to provide services outside the “four walls” of the FQHC and receive reimbursement at an alternative payment method (APM), which will be equal to the OMB rate.

Converting from a Tribal 638 to a FQHC

Tribal 638 providers that choose to be designated as a FQHC must meet the P.L. 93-638 requirement. They are not required to file a new provider application; however, a change in designation is not automatic. Tribal 638 providers can request to be designated as a FQHC at any time but cannot be reimbursed at the OMB rate for services provided outside the “four walls” after October 31, 2021 until they convert to a FQHC. Written requests should be submitted to the following MAD Tribal Liaisons

- Theresa Belanger Theresa.Belanger@state.nm.us
- Shelly Begay Shelly.Begay@state.nm.us

Requests must include the following:

- New Mexico Medicaid Provider Name
- New Mexico Medicaid Provider ID Number
- Provider National Provider Identification Number
- Effective date of FQHC designation

Billing Requirements & Reimbursement

The FQHC must submit a claim as follows:

1. Providers bill on a UB-04 claim form.
2. Type of bill is 0771.
3. An encounter is billed using the following revenue codes:
 - a. 0529 Physical Health
 - b. 0919 Behavioral Health

MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS:

This change is applicable to both fee-for-service providers and contracted providers with the Centennial Care Managed Care Organizations.

Thank you for your service to New Mexicans.

Please contact the Medical Assistance Division at (505) 827-6252 or MADInfo.HSD@state.nm.us if you have any questions regarding this guidance.