



HEALTH CARE
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Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor
Kari Armijo, Secretary
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July 11, 2024

RE: Tribal Notification to Request Advice and Comments Letter 24-14: New Mexico Quality Strategy (NM Quality Strategy October 2023 Revision Draft)

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 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 written comments until **5:00 p.m., Mountain Time (MT) on August 15, 2024**, regarding proposed amendments to the New Mexico Medicaid Managed Care Quality Strategy (Quality Strategy October 2023 Revision Draft).

The Department is proposing to amend the Quality Strategy as follows:

As required by the Code of Federal Regulations, the Quality Strategy must be reviewed and updated as needed, but no less than once every 3 years. The goal of the Quality Strategy is to ensure that New Mexico's Managed Care Program continues to drive towards improving healthcare service delivery and outcomes. Through established standards and a variety of mechanisms, the Quality Strategy will serve as the State's blueprint for monitoring and assessing the Managed Care Organizations, holding them accountable for improving outcomes. HCA is revising the Quality Strategy with updated initiatives outlined in Amendment #2 approved by CMS; updated list of Directed Payments for CY23, and proposed CY24 Directed Payments.

Estimated Total Financial Impact: HCA does not anticipate a financial impact to Indian Nations, Tribes, Pueblos and their healthcare providers.

Tribal Impact: HCA does not anticipate a service impact to Indian Nations, Tribes, Pueblos and their healthcare providers.

Tribal Advice and Comments

Tribes and tribal healthcare providers may view the proposed changes, on the HCA webpage at: <https://www.hsd.state.nm.us/providers/written-tribal-consultations/>. *Notification letter 24-14.*

A copy of these documents may be requested by contacting the HCA/MAD in Santa Fe at (505) 827-1337.

Important Dates

Written comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time (MT) on August 15, 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. All written comments received will be posted on the HCA 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.

All comments and responses will be compiled and made available after September 11, 2024.

Sincerely,

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

Dana Flannery, Director
Medical Assistance Division