



HEALTH CARE
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Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor
Kari Armijo, Secretary
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November 18, 2024

RE: Tribal Notification to Request Advice and Comments Letter 24-26: Behavioral Health Policy and Billing Manual

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) December 18, 2024**, regarding the Behavioral Health Policy and Billing Manual.

Proposed effective date January 1, 2025, New Mexico Medicaid will be in alignment with the requirements of 42 CFR 483.40 – Behavioral Health Services.

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 24-26.**

Important Dates

Written comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time (MT) December 18, 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 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 **December 18, 2024**. This request may be made to: Theresa.Belanger@hca.nm.gov or by calling (505) 670-8067.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dana Flannery', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Dana Flannery
State Medicaid Director