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RE: Tribal Notification to Request Advice and Comments Letter 24-28: Ambulatory Surgical Centers Services, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), Renal Dialysis Facilities and Rural Health Centers (RHCs) Annual Rate Increase

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) **January 27, 2025**, regarding state plan amendment (SPA) 24-0013, Ambulatory Surgical Centers Services, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), Renal Dialysis Facilities and Rural Health Centers (RHCs) Annual Rate Increase.

Effective January 1, 2025, New Mexico Medicaid is increasing the annual rate, per 2024 House Bill 2, for Ambulatory Surgical Centers Services, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), Renal Dialysis Facilities and Rural Health Centers (RHCs).

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: <u>https://www.hca.nm.gov/providers/written-tribal-notification-letters/24-28</u>.

Important Dates

Written comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time (MT) January 27, 2025. Please send your comments to the MAD Native American Liaison, Theresa Belanger, at (505) 670-8067 or by email at: <u>Theresa.Belanger@hca.nm.gov</u>. All written comments received will be posted on New Mexico Medicaid website at: <u>https://www.hca.nm.gov/providers/written-tribal-notification-letters/</u> 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 **January 27, 2025.** This request may be made to: <u>Theresa.Belanger@hca.nm.gov</u> or by calling (505) 670-8067.

Sincerely,

Dana Flannery State Medicaid Director