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December 31, 2020

RE: Tribal Notification to Request Advice and Comments Letter 21-01: Draft Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver Amendment #2 Application

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 Human Services Department's (HSD's) Tribal Notification to Request Advice and Comments process, this letter is to inform you that HSD, through the Medical Assistance Division (MAD), is accepting written comments until **5:00 p.m. Mountain Time (MT) on Sunday, January 31, 2021** regarding the Medicaid health care program known as Centennial Care 2.0 and changes to the program that are being considered as part of the amendment to the Centennial Care federal waiver that will be effective on July 1, 2021. HSD is seeking federal authority to amend the 1115 Demonstration Waiver – Centennial Care 2.0 (Project Number 11W 00285/6) to make the following changes:

- 1) Expand the Medicaid program toward a more integrated model of behavioral health care delivery by providing Medicaid reimbursement for extended IMD stays for individuals with Serious Mental Illness/Severe Emotional Disturbance (SMI/SED) in residential and inpatient Institutions for Mental Disease (IMD) settings.

Tribal Impact: *HSD does not anticipate a service or financial impact to individual, tribes or their healthcare providers.*

- 2) Establish High Fidelity Wraparound (HFW) as an intensive care coordination approach for children and youth who have high intensity needs.

Tribal Impact: *HSD does not anticipate a service or financial impact to individual, tribes or their healthcare providers.*

- 3) Establish a Primary Care Graduate Medical Education (GME) expansion funding mechanism designed to develop new and/or expanded GME programs focusing on the specialists of General Psychiatry, Family Medicine, General Pediatrics, and General Internal Medicine.

Tribal Impact: *HSD does not anticipate a service or financial impact to individual, tribes or their healthcare providers.*

- 4) Expand coverage of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccines, to the extent not covered by the federal government during the period of Centennial Care 2.0 demonstration and its administration to individuals who have limited benefit plan coverage including Family Planning Category of Eligibility (COE), Emergency Medical Services for Aliens (EMSA), individuals covered under the COVID-19 uninsured population (FFCRA) and also those receiving only Pregnancy – related services.

Tribal Impact: *HSD does not anticipate a service or financial impact to individual, tribes or their healthcare providers.*

Tribal Advice and Comments

Tribes and tribal healthcare providers may view the draft waiver application on the HSD webpage at: <http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/providers/written-tribal-consultations.aspx> *Notification Letter 21-01.*

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

Important Dates

The public hearings will be held to receive comments about the draft amendment waiver as follows:

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Medicaid Advisory Committee Meeting

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Thursday, January 28, 2021

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

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Written advice and comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time (MT) on Sunday, January 31, 2021. Please send your advice, comments or questions to the MAD Native American Liaison, Theresa Belanger, at (505) 827-3122 or by email to Theresa.Belanger@state.nm.us.

Comments and responses will be compiled and made available upon request.

Sincerely,



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Director

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