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RE: Tribal Notification to Request Advice and Comments Letter 19-11 – Family Infant Toddler (FIT) Program Rate Increases

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 **5:00pm Mountain Time (MT) through July 21, 2019**, regarding proposed increases for Family Infant Toddler (FIT) Program rates for specific services provided on or after July 1, 2019.

These changes are being made due to the Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD) Family Infant Toddler (FIT) Program receiving an appropriation of \$2,600,000.00 from the 2019 State Legislature for rate increases to FIT Program services, which are funded under State and Medicaid funds. These services are provided under Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) - Special Rehabilitation and the State General Fund; the match will be paid through the Department of Health.

Specifically, the proposed rate changes are:

- Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Evaluation – increase from \$630.00 to \$660.00.
- Home and Community Individual – increase from \$27.00 to \$29.00.
- Center-Based Individual – increase from \$13.50 to \$18.50.
- Family Service Coordination – increase from \$160.00 to \$180.00.

Tribal Impact

The Human Services Department does not anticipate a service or financial impact to Indian Nations, Tribes, Pueblos or their health care providers with these proposed FIT Program Rate Increases.

Tribal Advice and Comments

Tribes and tribal health care providers may view the proposed fee schedule on the HSD website at <https://www.hsd.state.nm.us/providers/fee-schedules.aspx> or <http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/providers/written-tribal-consultations.aspx>

Important Dates

- **Written comments must be submitted by 5:00pm Mountain Time (MT) on July 21, 2019.** Please send your comments 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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