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**RE: Tribal Notification to Request Advice and Comments Letter 20-08: Health Homes Substance Use Disorder (SUD)**

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) through May 13, 2020**, regarding State Plan Amendment (SPA) 20-0001 Health Homes Substance Use Disorder (SUD).

The HSD is proposing to submit a SPA to expand eligibility criteria for CareLink NM Health Homes (CLNM HH) to include substance use disorder (SUD) in addition to existing criteria of serious mental illness (SMI) for adults and severe emotional disturbance (SED) for children.

CLNM health home services in New Mexico are restricted to Medicaid beneficiaries and serve members enrolled with a managed care organization as well as fee-for-service Medicaid beneficiaries.

New Mexico's CLNM HH are serving members who meet eligibility criteria in the following locations: Kewa Pueblo Health Corporation in Sandoval County; Presbyterian Medical Services in San Juan and Sandoval Counties; New Mexico Solutions and the University of New Mexico Hospital and Clinics in Bernalillo County; Hidalgo Medical Services in Grant and Hidalgo Counties, Guidance Center of Lea County in Lea County, and Mental Health Resources in Curry, Roosevelt, Quay and DeBaca Counties.

**Tribal Impact**

The HSD anticipates this change will be a positive one for Indian Nations, Tribes, Pueblos and their health care providers. Tribal members with a primary diagnosis of substance use disorder will now be eligible to receive integrated physical and behavioral health services through CLNM Health Home providers. Services consist of care management, care coordination, prevention and health promotion, referral to support services, comprehensive transitional care from differing levels of

service, and individual and family support. Kewa Pueblo Health Corporation will continue to serve only Tribal members, including those residing outside of Kewa Pueblo in Sandoval County.

### **Tribal Advice and Comments**

Tribes and tribal health care providers may view the proposed SPA on the HSD website at <https://www.hsd.state.nm.us/providers/written-tribal-consultations.aspx> **Notification Letter 20-08.**

### **Important Dates**

**Written comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time (MT) on May 13, 2020.** 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](mailto:Theresa.Belanger@state.nm.us). All written comments received will be posted on the HSD website at: <http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/providers/written-tribal-consultations.aspx> along with this notification letter. The public posting will include the name and any contact information provided by the commenter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nicole Comeaux", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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State Medicaid Director