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# **RE:** Tribal Notification to Request Advice and Comments Letter 20-10: 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 September 1, 2020,** regarding proposed increases for Family Infant Toddler (FIT) program rates for specific services provided on or after July 1, 2020.

These changes are being made due to the Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD) Family Infant Toddler (FIT) Program receiving an appropriation of \$1,000,000.00 from the 2020 State Legislature for rate increases to FIT Program services, which are funded under State and Medicaid funds. This program is transferring to the Early Childhood Education and Care Department, Division of Support and Intervention effective July 1, 2020. 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 Early Childhood Education and Care Department.

## FIT Program Service Rate Increases for Services Provided on or after July 1, 2020

Service	Current Procedure Code/Modifier	Current Rate	FY 21 Rate
Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Evaluation	H2000 TL	\$ 660.00	\$ 725.00
Home and Community Individual	T1027 TL	\$ 29.00	\$ 29.75
Center-Based Individual	T1027 TL TT	\$ 18.50	\$ 20.00
Center-Based Group	T1027 TL HQ	\$ 6.50	\$ 7.00
Family Service Coordination	T2023 TL	\$ 180.00	\$ 189.50

## **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 changes on the HSD website at: <a href="http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/providers/">http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/providers/</a> written-tribal-consultations.aspx, Tribal Notification 20-10.

### **Important Dates**

Written comments must be submitted by 5:00pm Mountain Time (MT) on September 1, 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. All written comments received will be posted as they are received on the HSD website at: <a href="http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/providers/written-tribal-consultations.aspx">http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/providers/written-tribal-consultations.aspx</a> along with the applicable notification letter. The public posting will include the name and any contact information provided by the commenter.

Sincerely,

Nicole Comeaux, Director

Medical Assistance Division

cc: Megan Pfeffer, HSD/MAD Deputy Director

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