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RE: Tribal Notification to Request Advice and Comments Letter TN #19-03 New Mexico Medicaid Managed Care Program Quality Strategy

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 through March 6, 2019 regarding the New Mexico Medicaid Managed Care Program, Quality Strategy (Quality Strategy). The goal of the Quality Strategy is to ensure that New Mexico's Managed Care Program continues to drive towards improving healthcare service delivery and outcomes. Through established standards and a variety of mechanisms, the Quality Strategy will serve as the State's blueprint for monitoring and assessing the Managed Care Organizations, holding them accountable for improving outcomes.

**Tribal Impact: HSD does not anticipate a service or financial impact to Indian Nations, Tribes, Pueblos and their healthcare providers.**

#### **Tribal Consultation Comments**

Tribes and their healthcare providers may view the proposed New Mexico Medicaid Managed Care Program Quality Strategy on the Human Services Department's webpage at: <http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/providers/written-tribal-consultations.aspx> **Notification Letter TN #19-03.** 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**

**Written comments must be submitted by 5:00 pm Mountain Standard Time (MST) on March 6, 2019.** Please send your comments or questions 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).

After considering the comments received and making changes deemed necessary, the draft Quality Strategy will be submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on March 14, 2019.

Sincerely,



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