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RE: Tribal Notification to Request Advice and Comments Letter 23-19: Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs)

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 comments until **5:00 p.m. Mountain Time (MT) November 26, 2023**, regarding state plan amendment (SPA) 23-0016 Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs).

Effective November 1, 2023, New Mexico is updating its state plan to include provisional certification to the accreditation and certification standards as specified in 42 CFR part 8, subparts A and B *Accreditation and Certification and Treatment Centers*.

Tribal Impact

HSD anticipates a positive impact for Indian Nations, Tribes, and Pueblos and their health care providers.

Tribal Advice and Comments

Tribes and their healthcare providers may view the proposed changes, on the HSD webpage at: <https://www.hsd.state.nm.us/providers/written-tribal-consultations/> **Tribal Notification 23-19**.

Important Dates

Written comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time (MT) November 26, 2023. Please send your comments to the MAD Native American Liaison, **Theresa Belanger, at (505) 670-8067** or by email at: Theresa.Belanger@hsd.nm.gov. All written comments received will be posted on the HSD website at: <https://www.hsd.state.nm.us/providers/written-tribal-consultations/> along with this notification letter. The public posting will include the name and any contact information provided by the commenter.

Tribal Leadership may request a government-to-government consultation by November 26, 2023. This request may be made to: Theresa.Belanger@hsd.nm.gov or by calling (505) 670-8067.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and a final horizontal stroke.

Lorelei Kellogg
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