



HEALTH CARE
AUTHORITY

Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor
Kari Armijo, Secretary
Dana Flannery, Medicaid Director

March 10, 2025

RE: Tribal Notification to Request Advice and Comments Letter 25-06:

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 Health Care Authority's (HCA's) Tribal Notification to Request Advice and Comments process, this letter is to inform you that HCA, through the Medical Assistance Division (MAD), is accepting written comments until **5:00 p.m., Mountain Time (MT) on April 11, 2025**, regarding proposed amendments to the New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC) rule 8.310.2 NMAC, Health Care Professional Services, General Benefit Description. The Department issued an emergency rule on December 23, 2024, to address the high rates of maternal mortality and ensure the health and welfare of vulnerable women of New Mexico. The Department is re-promulgating these sections of the rules in full within six months of issuance of the emergency rules in accordance with the New Mexico State Rules Act.

The HCA is proposing the following amendments:

8.310.2.8

This section has been updated with HCA's current mission statement.

8.310.2.12.D

HCA amended NMAC 8.310.2.12.D for the purpose of adding a new section of the Reproductive Health services to include Doula services coverage and Doula provider certification requirements language.

Estimated Total Financial Impact

HCA anticipates a financial impact of \$144,140 annually.

Tribal Impact

HCA anticipates a positive impact for tribal members and their providers.

Tribal Advice and Comments

Tribes and tribal healthcare providers may view the proposed 8.310.2 NMAC on the HCA webpage at: <https://www.hca.nm.gov/providers/written-tribal-consultations/>. **Notification letter 25-06.**

A written copy of these documents may be requested by contacting the HCA Medical Assistance Division (HCA/MAD) in Santa Fe at (505) 827-1337.

Important Dates

A public hearing to receive testimony on this proposed rule will be held on April 11, 2025, at 9:30 am, Mountain Time. The hearing will be held at the Administrative Services Division (ASD), 1474 Rodeo Rd, Santa Fe, NM 87505 and via Teams.

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Written advice and comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. MT on April 11, 2025.

Please send your advice, comments or questions to the MAD Native American Liaison, Theresa Belanger, at (505) 670-8067 or by email to theresa.belanger@hca.nm.gov.

Sincerely,



Dana Flannery, Director
Medical Assistance Division