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October 1, 2026

RE: Tribal Notification to Request Advice and Comments Letter 26-26: Family Planning; Presumptive Eligibility (PE).

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 (HCA) Tribal Notification to Request Advice and Comments process, this letter is to inform you that HCA's Medical Assistance Division (MAD) is providing public notice on its submission of a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to permit presumptive eligibility for the Family Planning Medicaid category. The addition will allow applicants to receive Family Planning services while their on-going application is in a determination status; effective July 12, 2026.

The estimated total Federal Budget Impact is \$97,925 in federal funds for FFY 2026 and \$293,775 in federal funds for FFY 2027.

Tribal Impact

The HCA does anticipate an impact for Indian Nations, Tribes, and Pueblos and their health care providers with this change. The new Family Planning category available in the Presumptive Eligibility period will give applicants the opportunity, if approved, to have Family Planning services available for up to 60 days or until the applicant's on-going application is approved or denied, whichever occurs first.

Number of Native Americans who may be impact: 1810

Tribal Advice and Comments

Tribes and their healthcare providers may view the proposed changes on the HCA webpage at: <https://www.hca.nm.gov/providers/written-tribal-consultations/> **26-26: Family Planning; Presumptive Eligibility (PE).**

Written comments may be submitted, and Tribal Leadership may request a government-to-government consultation by **5:00 p.m. Mountain Time (MT) on October 31, 2026**. Please direct your comments and requests for consultation to the MAD Tribal Liaison, Pharon Morgan, at (505) 469-6877, or by email at: Pharon.Morgan@hca.nm.gov. All written comments received will be posted on the Department's website at: [https://www.hca.nm.gov/providers/written-tribal-](https://www.hca.nm.gov/providers/written-tribal-consultations/)

[consultations/](#) along with this notification letter. The public posting will include the name and contact information provided by the commenter.

OPPORTUNITY TO VIEW DOCUMENTS

The complete draft amendment may be found on the website at:

<https://www.hca.nm.gov/2026-comment-period-open/>.

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

Copies of all comments will be made available by HCA/MAD upon request by providing copies directly to a requestor, by making them available on the HCA/MAD website, or at a location within the county of the requestor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alanna Dancis".

Alanna Dancis
Acting State Medicaid Director