



New Mexico Medicaid Native American Services & Programs

New Mexico Medicaid innovations in tribal relations and services are driven by our deep commitment to strengthening overall health outcomes for the 23 federally recognized Tribes, Nations and Pueblos in our state.

Medicaid Reimbursement for Traditional Health Care Practices

- Traditional healing is largely regarded as the oldest form of structured medicine.
- July 2024 - Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved New Mexico's request for traditional healing reimbursement under 1115 Waiver Demonstration (one of first four states with Arizona, California, and Washington to receive federal approval).
- Tribes, Nations, and Pueblos have the option to participate; it is not a mandatory program. Participating tribes have cultural autonomy to define the services.
- Oct. 1, 2025 - THCP benefit implemented. Currently, the Navajo Nation participates. AI/AN Medicaid members must have a referral from an IHS or Tribal facility to receive services.
- A Provider Billing Guide with FAQs and more information is posted on the [Traditional Health Care Practices](#) web page.

Managed Care Organizations Offer Value Added Services

- Turquoise Care Managed Care Organizations provide Value Added Services to managed care members that may include traditional healing.

Native American Technical Advisory Committee

- Meets quarterly to advise New Mexico Medicaid on program design, pending changes.
- Currently, 12 of the 23 Tribes participate. MAD would like representation from all 23 Tribes, Pueblos, and Nations. To nominate a NATAC representative, contact Pharon Morgan, MAD Tribal Liaison at Pharon.morgan@hca.nm.gov as listed on the [Native American Technical Advisory Committee](#) web page.

New Medicaid Benefits

1. **Food is Medicine (FIM)** Effective July 1, 2025, Food is Medicine provides home-delivered, medically tailored food (meals or grocery boxes) for pregnant women with any diabetes diagnosis. Learn more at [Food is Medicine](#)
2. **Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs)** As of January 2026, nine New Mexico agencies are CCBHCs, delivering a comprehensive range of outpatient mental health, substance use disorder, and primary care screening services across multiple counties, including Bernalillo, Sandoval, Eddy, Doña Ana, Lea, Curry, Rio Arriba, Santa Fe, McKinley, and San Juan. Jan. 1, 2025, the CCBHC Demonstration 1, 2025. Learn more at nmrecovery.org/ccbhc.