



June 24, 2026

RE: Tribal Notification to Request Advice and Comments Letter 26-15: Medicaid School-Based Services (MSBS) for Medical Assistance Program (MAP) Eligible Recipients Under Twenty-One Years of Age

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 plans to submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to add a list of allowable direct service providers who can render services as part of the Medicaid School-Based Services (MSBS) Program effective July 1, 2026. The addition of this provider list is being done at the request of CMS to be in compliance with their May 2023 "Delivering Services in School-Based Settings: A Comprehensive Guide to Medicaid Services and Administrative Claiming".

The estimated total Federal Budget Impact is \$0.00 in federal funds for FFY 2026 and \$0.00 in federal funds for FFY 2027. The proposed State Plan updates do not change the current payment methodology, therefore, there is no fiscal impact.

Tribal Impact

The HCA does not anticipate any impact for Indian Nations, Tribes, and Pueblos and their health care providers with this change.

Tribal Advice and Comments

Tribes and their healthcare providers may view the proposed changes on the HCA web page at: <https://www.hca.nm.gov/providers/written-tribal-consultations/> **26-15: Medicaid School-Based Services (MSBS) for Medical Assistance Program (MAP) Eligible Recipients Under Twenty-One Years of Age.**

Written comments may be submitted, and Tribal Leadership may request a government-to-government consultation by **5:00 p.m. Mountain Time (MT) on July 24, 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->

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 that reads "Alanna Dancis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A".

Alanna Dancis
Acting State Medicaid Director