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February 24, 2026

RE: Tribal Notification to Request Advice and Comments Letter 26-08:

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 Behavioral Health Services Division (BHSD), is accepting written comments until **5:00 p.m., Mountain Time (MT) on March 24, 2026** regarding proposed amendments to New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC) rules: *8.321.10 Opioid Treatment Program (OTP)*.

HCA is re-promulgating these rules to align with federal regulations outlined in Part 8 of Title 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), which went into effect on April 2, 2024. This rule expands access to medications for opioid use disorder treatment, reduces stigmatizing language and practices, supports a patient-centered approach, and promotes provider flexibility in providing care. These rules specify the standards identified as essential for effective treatment in OTPs.

#### **Estimated Total Financial Impact**

HCA anticipates no financial impact for Tribal members.

#### **Tribal Impact**

HCA anticipates no adverse impact to Tribes or Tribal health programs.

#### **Tribal Advice and Comments**

Tribes and tribal healthcare providers may view the proposed 8.312.10 NMAC on the HCA webpage at: <https://www.hca.nm.gov/providers/written-tribal-consultations/>. **Notification letter 26-08.**

A written copy of these documents may be requested by contacting the HCA Behavioral Health Services Division (HCA/BHSD) in Santa Fe at (505) 470-8378.

#### **Important Dates**

A public hearing to receive testimony on this proposed rule will be held on **Tuesday, March 24 at 10:00AM**. The hearing will be held at the Behavioral Health Services Division (BHSD), 37 Plaza la Prensa, Santa Fe, NM 87507 and via Zoom.

**Join Teams Meeting**

Topic: NMAC 8.321.10 Opioid Treatment Programs

Time: Mar 24, 2026, 10:00 AM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88098899503?pwd=84M0Y8n3yyFSLaxO2SHwAIHNLIaHLV.1>

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Join instructions

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**Written advice and comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. MT on March 24, 2026.**

Please send your advice, comments or questions to Rosalind Smith at [HCA-SOTA.Admin@hca.nm.gov](mailto:HCA-SOTA.Admin@hca.nm.gov).

Sincerely,

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