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RE: Tribal Notification to Request Advice and Comments Letter 26-10: Supplemental Pharmacy Rebates and Reimbursement Methodology

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 implement a unified, single Preferred Drug List (PDL) for Medicaid and update reimbursement methodology, effective July 1, 2026.

The estimated total Federal Budget Impact is (\$983,782) in federal funds for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2026 and (\$3,924,694) in federal funds for FFY 2027. Savings are attributed to supplemental rebates.

Tribal Impact

The HCA does anticipate changes in preferred medications that are available to Indian Nations, Tribes, and Pueblos and their health care providers. The PDL could impact any New Mexico Medicaid member receiving a prescription. This could potentially impact as many as 125,000 Native American members enrolled in New Mexico Medicaid. Of this number, approximately 80,600 had prescription use in CY 2025.

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/> **26-10: Supplemental Pharmacy Rebates and Reimbursement Methodology.**

Written comments may be submitted, and Tribal Leadership may request a government-to-government consultation by **5:00 p.m. Mountain Time (MT) on May 22, 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 New Mexico Medicaid 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 New Mexico Medicaid 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,



Alanna Dancis
Acting State Medicaid Director