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RE: Tribal Notification to Request Advice and Comments Letter 25-24: Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF), Institutional Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID), Residential Treatment Center (RTC), Treatment Foster Care (TFC), or Indian Health Service (IHS)

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's Health Care Authority (HCA) Tribal Notification to Request Advice and Comments process, this letter is to inform you that the New Mexico Health Care Authority (HCA), Medical Assistance Division (MAD) is providing notice on plans to submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to capture the reimbursement methodology used by HCA for payments for inpatient claims when the billing provider is a Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF), Institutional Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID), Residential Treatment Center (RTC), Treatment Foster Care (TFC), or Indian Health Service (IHS). These payments are reimbursed at the full Medicare coinsurance and deductible amount. Changes are effective January 1, 2026.

This submission only addresses administrative changes and does not impact reimbursement rates, having an estimated total Federal Budget Impact of \$0 in federal funds for FFY 2026 and \$0 in federal funds for FFY 2027.

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 webpage at: <https://www.hca.nm.gov/providers/written-tribal-consultations/> **25-24: Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF), Institutional Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID), Residential Treatment Center (RTC), Treatment Foster Care (TFC), or Indian Health Service (IHS).**

Written comments must be submitted, and Tribal Leadership may request a government-to-government consultation by **5:00 p.m. Mountain Time (MT) on January 28, 2026**. Please direct your comments and requests for consultation to the MAD Tribal Liaison, Pharon Morgan, by email at pharon.morgan@hca.nm.gov or by telephone to Heidi Capriotti, MAD Deputy Director, at (505) 629-2938. 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 any contact information provided by the commenter.

OPPORTUNITY TO VIEW DOCUMENTS

The complete draft amendment may be found on the Department's website at:
<https://www.hca.nm.gov/comment-period-open-2025/>.

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