



HEALTH CARE  
AUTHORITY

Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor  
Kari Armijo, Cabinet Secretary  
Dana Flannery, Medicaid Director

**June 10, 2024**

**RE: Tribal Notification to Request Advice and Comments Letter 24-08: Doula and Lactation Services.**

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 Medical Assistance Division (MAD), is accepting comments until **5:00 p.m. Mountain Time (MT) July 10, 2024**, regarding state plan amendment (SPA) **24-0004 Doula and Lactation Services**.

Effective July 1, 2024, the New Mexico HCA/MAD is adding coverage for doula services as a new reimbursable preventative service for individuals navigating pregnancy-related care before, during, and after a pregnancy or childbirth; and adding coverage for lactation consultant services as a new reimbursable preventative to increase access to education and management to prevent and solve breastfeeding problems and encourage support to breastfeeding mother-infant.

**Tribal Impact**

HCA does not anticipate a negative impact for Indian Nations, Tribes, and Pueblos and their health care providers.

**Tribal Advice and Comments**

Tribes and their healthcare providers may view the proposed changes, on the HCA/MAD webpage at: <https://www.hsd.state.nm.us/providers/written-tribal-consultations/> **Tribal Notification 24-08**.

**Important Dates**

**Written comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time (MT) July 10, 2024.** Please send your comments to the MAD Native American Liaison, **Theresa Belanger**, at (505) 670-8067 or by email at: [Theresa.Belanger@hsd.nm.gov](mailto:Theresa.Belanger@hsd.nm.gov). All written comments received will be posted on the HSD website at: <https://www.hsd.state.nm.us/providers/written-tribal-consultations/> along with this notification letter. The public posting will include the name and any contact information provided by the commenter.

**Tribal Leadership may request a government-to-government consultation by July 10, 2024.** This request may be made to: [Theresa.Belanger@hsd.nm.gov](mailto:Theresa.Belanger@hsd.nm.gov) or by calling (505) 670-8067.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Flannery', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dana Flannery  
Medicaid Director