



HEALTH CARE  
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**Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor**  
Kari Armijo, Secretary  
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March 10, 2026

RE: Tribal Notification to Request Advice and Comments Letter 26-07: Proposed Amendments to Multiple NMACs

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 written comments until **5:00 p.m., Mountain Daylight Time (MDT) on April 9, 2026**, regarding proposed amendments to the New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC) *8.308.6 NMAC, Managed Care Program, Managed Care Organization (MCO) Enrollment, 8.308.7 NMAC, Managed Care Program, Enrollment and Disenrollment, and 8.308.8 NMAC, Managed Care Program, Member Rights, Responsibilities and Education. A new NMAC, 8.310.14, Health Care Professional Services, JUST Health Plus program, is also being proposed.*

Beginning July 1, 2025, MAD began enhancing the Justice-Involved Utilization of State Transitioned (JUST) Healthcare program. The enhanced program will be known as JUST Health Plus-. The program covers medically necessary health services furnished to eligible recipients. The program will help individuals reentering the community following incarceration. MAD received 1115 authority, from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), to pay for covered medical services provided to incarcerated Medicaid eligible individuals up to 90 days before their release.

**The HCA is proposing the following amendments:**

**Throughout the NMACs:**

1. Language updates have been made to align formatting and style requirements.
2. Updates have been made to replace "HSD" with "HCA".
3. Section 8 has been updated to include the Departments current mission statement.

**8.308.7 NMAC**

Section 9 has been updated so that the MCO retroactive enrollment is no more than 3 months, aligning the NMAC enrollment rule with program operational functionality.

**8.310.14 NMAC**

This new NMAC for the JUST Health Plus program will establish the rules and regulations necessary to carry out the duties of the department and its divisions under the 1115 Justice Reentry Demonstration Waiver.

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

HCA does not anticipate a financial impact.

#### **Tribal Impact**

In later phases of implementation of the JUST Health Plus program, supports will be designed through ongoing Tribe, Nation, and Pueblo engagement and consultation to inform interest in participation and parameters for service delivery of the JUST Health Plus program including appropriate re-entry model planning with tribal partners.

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

Tribes and tribal healthcare providers may view the proposed NMACs on the HCA webpage at: <https://www.hca.nm.gov/providers/written-tribal-consultations/>. *Notification letter 26-07.*

A written copy of these documents may be requested by contacting the HCA Medical Assistance Division (HCA/MAD) in Santa Fe at (505) 827-1337.

#### **Important Dates**

A public hearing to receive testimony on these proposed rules will be held on **April 9, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., MDT**. The hearing will be held in the Large Conference Room at the Administrative Services Division (ASD), 1474 Rodeo Rd, Santa Fe, NM 87505 and via Microsoft Teams.

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#### **Written advice and comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. MDT on April 9, 2026.**

Please send your advice, comments or questions to the MAD Native American Liaison, Pharon Morgan, at (505)-469-6877 or by email to [pharon.morgan@hca.nm.gov](mailto:pharon.morgan@hca.nm.gov).

Sincerely,



Alanna Dancis, Acting Director  
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