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Kari Armijo, Secretary
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February 24, 2026

RE: Tribal Notification to Request Advice and Comments Letter 26-05: Proposed Amendments to 8.308.2 NMAC, Managed Care Program, Provider Network

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 Time (MT), on March 26, 2026**, regarding proposed amendments to NMAC 8.308.2, *Managed Care Program, Provider Network*.

The HCA is proposing the following amendments:

NMAC 8.308.2

Section 8 has been updated to include the Department's current mission statement.

Section 10 has been updated to add a claims-based utilization analysis which indicates the member's preference for a different PCP.

Throughout the NMAC the following changes have been made:

1. Revising references to "his or her" to "their".
2. Changed HSD to HCA.

Estimated Total Financial Impact:

HCA does not anticipate a financial impact.

Tribal Impact

HCA anticipates a positive impact for Native Americans who opt in to managed care but do not select a primary care provider. Under this proposed amendment, Turquoise Care Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) must conduct a claims-based utilization review and reassign the member to the primary care provider they actively visit (for example a tribal or I.H.S. provider), as reflected in their claims history. This ensures members' actual provider preferences are recognized and honored.

Tribal Advice and Comments

Tribes and tribal healthcare providers may view the proposed 8.308.2 NMAC on the HCA webpage at: <https://www.hca.nm.gov/providers/written-tribal-consultations/> *Notification letter 26-05*.

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

Important Dates

A public hearing to receive testimony on this proposed rule will be held on March 26, 2026, at 1:30 pm. The hearing will be held 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. MT on March 26, 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.

Sincerely,



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