



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

July 31, 2024

RE: Tribal Notification to Request Advice and Comments Letter 24-15: Renaming the Human Services Department (HSD) to the Health Care Authority (HCA) per SB 0016

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 HCA, through the Medical Assistance Division (MAD), is accepting comments until **5:00 p.m. Mountain Time (MT) August 30, 2024** regarding state plan amendment (SPA) 24-0002, Renaming the Human Services Department (HSD) to the Health Care Authority (HCA).

Effective July 1, 2024, New Mexico Medicaid will be reorganized which will rename the Human Services Department (HSD) to the Health Care Authority (HCA). The reorganization allows the change of HSD's powers and duties, providing for transition, transferring functions, personnel, money, appropriations, records, equipment, supplies, other property, contractual obligations and statutory references, amending and repealing sections of the NMSA 1978; reconciling conflicting section of law in Laws 2019 by repealing Laws 2019, Chapter 211, Section 11. The initial public comment period did not include the description of the reorganization; therefore, the agency is soliciting a second public comment period.

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-notification-letters/> **Tribal Notification #24-15.**

Important Dates

Written comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time (MT) August 30, 2024.

Please send your comments to the MAD Native American Liaison, Theresa Belanger, at (505) 670-8067 or by email at: Theresa.Belanger@hca.nm.gov. All written comments received will be posted on New Mexico Medicaid website at: <https://www.hca.nm.gov/providers/written-tribal->

[notification-letters/](#) 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 **August 30, 2024**. This request may be made to: Theresa.Belanger@hca.nm.gov or by calling (505) 670-8067.

Sincerely,

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

Dana Flannery
State Medicaid Director