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August 27, 2026

RE: Tribal Notification to Request Advice and Comments Letter 26-20: Unbundling Maternity Global Care.

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 (HCA) Tribal Notification to Request Advice and Comments process, this letter is to inform you that HCA's Medical Assistance Division (MAD) is providing public notice on its plans to submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to align with CMS and American Medical Association (AMA) changes to eliminate all global maternity codes (e.g., 59400, 59510, 59610, 59425–59426) and replace them with an unbundled, phase-based structure. In addition, current delivery only, antepartum, and postpartum codes will be deleted and transitioned to existing E/M codes or newly established maternity codes, effective September 1, 2026.

The estimated total Federal Budget Impact is \$0.00 in federal funds for FFY 2027 and \$0.00 in federal funds for FFY 2028. The shift of global maternity billing to new unbundled billing is budget neutral.

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/> **26-20: Unbundling Maternity Global Care.**

Written comments may be submitted, and Tribal Leadership may request a government-to-government consultation by **5:00 p.m. Mountain Time (MT) on September 26, 2026**. Please direct your comments and requests for consultation to the MAD Tribal Liaison, Pharon Morgan, at (505) 469-6877, or by email at: Pharon.Morgan@hca.nm.gov. 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 contact information provided by the commenter.

OPPORTUNITY TO VIEW DOCUMENTS

The complete draft amendment may be found on the website at:

<https://www.hca.nm.gov/2026-comment-period-open/>.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alanna Dancis".

Alanna Dancis
Acting State Medicaid Director