

January 23, 2016

**RE: Tribal Consultation Letter 16-02: Comment on proposed CareLink (Health Home) NM Policy Manual**

Dear Tribal Leadership, IHS, Tribal Facility or other interested parties,

Consultation with New Mexico's Indian Nations, Tribes, Pueblos and their healthcare providers is an important component of the government-to-government relationship with the State of New Mexico. The New Mexico Human Services Department (HSD) is informing you that HSD, through the Medical Assistance Division (MAD), is accepting written comments through February 23, 2016, regarding the CareLink NM (CLNM) Provider Policy Manual (CLNM Manual) related to Health Home Services.

HSD is leading an initiative to provide coordinated care by a CLNM Provider Agency through the Health Home service delivery model, to enhance integration and coordination of primary, acute, behavioral health, and long-term services and supports for both Fee for Service recipients and HSD contracted managed care organization (MCO) members.

HSD has previously solicited comments on the New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC) rule 8.310.10 and the MAD State Plan Amendment to implement CLNM Health Home services. The CLNM Provider Policy Manual is to provide additional directions and instructions to CLNM Health Home providers not found in NMAC rule 8.310.10 and is necessary to fully implement CLNM Health Home services.

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The Proposed Health Home (CareLink NM) Provider Policy Manual includes the following sections:

- 1) Introduction to Health Home model

***Tribal Impact:*** *HSD does not anticipate a service or financial impact to individual, tribes or their healthcare providers. Care coordination will now be available through the health homes for the FFS member.*

- 2) Participation Requirements for Provider

***Tribal Impact:*** *HSD does not anticipate a service or financial impact to individual, tribes or their healthcare providers.*

- 3) Health Home Operations

***Tribal Impact:*** *HSD does not anticipate a service or financial impact to individual, tribes or their healthcare providers.*

- 4) Health Information Technology  
**Tribal Impact:** *HSD does not anticipate a service or financial impact to individual, tribes or their healthcare providers.*
- 5) Health Home Reimbursement  
**Tribal Impact:** *HSD does not anticipate a service or financial impact to individual, tribes or their healthcare providers.*
- 6) Health Home Forms  
**Tribal Impact:** *HSD does not anticipate a service or financial impact to individual, tribes or their healthcare providers.*

**Tribal Consultation Comments** –

Tribes and their healthcare providers may view the proposed CLNM Policy Manual on the Human Services Department webpage at: <http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/providers/written-tribal-consultation-letters.aspx>. Letter 16-02.

**Important Dates**

- **Written comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time (MST) on February 23, 2016.** Please send your comments and questions to the MAD Native American Liaison, Theresa Belanger, at (505) 827-3122 or by email at: [Theresa.Belanger@state.nm.us](mailto:Theresa.Belanger@state.nm.us).
- All comments and responses will be compiled and available after April 1, 2016.

Sincerely,



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