HEALTH CARE
AUTHORITY

Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor
Kari Armijo, Secretary
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RE: Tribal Notification to Request Advice and Comments Letter 26-19: Proposed Amendments to 8.310.3 NMAC, Health Care Professional Services, Professional Providers, Services and Reimbursement.

Dear Tribal Leadership, Indian Health Service, Tribal 638 Health/Urban Indian Health Centers Providers, and Other Interested Parties:

Seeking advice and comments from New Mexico's Indian Nations, Tribes, Pueblos and their health care providers (Indian Health Services/PL93-638) 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 September 25, 2026,** regarding proposed amendments to NMAC 8.310.3*, Health Care Professional Services, Professional Providers, Services and Reimbursement.*

The HCA is proposing the following amendments:

8.310.3 NMAC

Section 8
The Mission Statement has been updated to include HCA's current mission statement.

Section 9
Duplicate language regarding licensed midwives has been corrected as "licensed midwives" is already captured on the next line.

Section 11
Language regarding the medical practitioners has been amended to align with CMS and AMA guidelines for unbundling global maternity care to itemized maternity care.

Language regarding the medical practitioners related to the birthing options program has been amended to align with the 2025 Legislative House Bill 56.

Language has been amended to include Doula's, Lactation providers and Chiropractors as new providers.

Throughout the NMAC updates have been made to update HCA to HSD.

Estimated Total Financial Impact
The HCA does not anticipate any financial impact for Indian Nations, Tribes, and Pueblos and their health care providers with this change.

Tribal Impact

HCA anticipates a positive impact related to new and expanded services for 124,060 tribal members and their providers.

Tribal Advice and Comments
Tribes and tribal healthcare providers may view the proposed 8.310.3 NMAC on the HCA webpage at: https://www.hca.nm.gov/providers/written-tribal-consultations/. ***Notification letter 26-19.***

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 September 25, 2026, at 9:00 am. The hearing will be held in the Large Conference Room of the Administrative Services Division (ASD), 1474 Rodeo Rd, Santa Fe, NM 87505 and via Microsoft Teams.

Join Teams Meeting
Join: https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/296752804748879?p=05F3wf4GlZmapZuMvA
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Written advice and comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. MT on September 25, 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,



Alanna Dancis, Acting Director
Medical Assistance Division