



Administrator
Washington, DC 20201

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Dear Tribal Leader:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is committed to engaging in meaningful consultation with Tribes on matters that have Tribal implications. To that end, we are writing to request your advice and input regarding a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) that addresses standards for Navigators and Non-Navigator Assistance Personnel under provisions of the Affordable Care Act. The NPRM, published in the *Federal Register* on Friday, April 5, 2013 with comments due 30 days from the date of publication, may be found at: (CMS- 9955-P): http://www.ofr.gov/OFRUpload/OFRData/2013-07951_PI.pdf.

This proposed rule would create training and certification, conflict-of-interest, and meaningful access standards that will be applicable to Navigators and non-Navigator assistance personnel in Federally-facilitated Marketplaces (FFMs), including State Partnership Marketplaces, as well as federally-funded non-Navigator assistance personnel in State-based Marketplaces (SBMs). Such standards may be used as model standards for SBM Navigators and non-Navigator assistance personnel that are not federally-funded. The standards, as proposed, would help ensure that Navigators and non-Navigator assistance personnel will: be fair and impartial, be appropriately trained, and provide services and information in a manner that is accessible to persons with limited English proficiency and persons with disabilities.

We would like to provide you with an opportunity to discuss the provisions of the NPRM with CMS experts during the Tribal Consultation and obtain your advice and input on the NPRM through formal, written comments. This meeting will be held to facilitate understanding of the NPRM and allow you to raise technical questions and concerns regarding the proposed rule. The call-in information and webinar link are as follows:

TRIBAL CONSULTATION/ALL-TRIBES CALL

DATE: Monday, April 15, 2013

TIME: 1:00pm-2:30 pm, EST

CALL-IN NUMBER: 888-637-7740

PARTICIPANT PASSCODE: 351829

WEBINAR LINK: <http://kauffmaninc.adobeconnect.com/r260suy1lqg/>

(Note: presentation slides will only be available during the call. To access the slides, please login to the website as a Guest.)

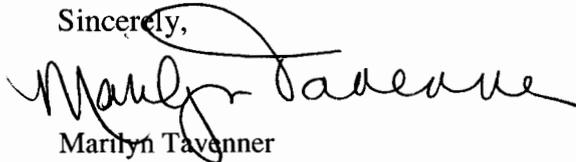
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We encourage you to submit written comments during the 30-day comment period as outlined in the *Federal Register* notice. Written comments that are submitted during the comment period will become part of the official rulemaking record.

Please contact Kitty Marx, Director of CMS Tribal Affairs Group, with any questions or concerns by phone, (410) 786-8619 or via e-mail, kitty.marx@cms.hhs.gov.

We look forward to obtaining your advice and feedback on the proposed rules.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marilyn Tavenner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Marilyn Tavenner
Acting Administrator