

**Tribal Consultation Policy
State Plan Amendment
Connecticut**

Date of Submission: December 30, 2010

Approval Date: March 21, 2011

Effective Date of Amendment: October 1, 2010

Inclusiveness: The SPA refers to consultation with Connecticut's two federally-recognized Tribe, the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation and The Mohegan Tribe.

Process for Seeking Advice: Periodic meetings with tribal health representatives and by ongoing written and electronic communications. State sends emails with the public notice prior to submission of a State Plan Amendment, waiver, waiver amendments or other change, or proposed demonstration project. If no public notice is required, the State sends a brief summary of the proposed change. When SPAs have a unique or particular impact on tribal members, the State arranges for a meeting or teleconference with tribal representatives. In addition, the State leads for the HUSKY and CHIP programs meet with tribal representatives with tribal representatives at least once annually to discuss changes in the Medicaid and CHIP programs, including waivers, demonstration projects, and SPAs.

Length of Time for Notification: Not specified.

Length of Time for Response: Two weeks.

Process for Seeking Expedited Advice: Not specified.

Length of Time for Expedited Notification: Not specified.

Length of Time for Expedited Response: Not specified.

Consultation with Tribe concerning the SPA: The process included introductory meetings with tribal representatives in May 2010 to describe the SPA process and the requirement for consultation. The State met with the health directors for the two federally recognized Tribes to describe the Medicaid State Plan Amendment process and discuss methods for consultation and communication. The tribal representatives agreed to the process described in the SPA.

Process will be used for CHIP: Yes.

Process will be used for Waivers: Yes.