

**Tribal Consultation Policy
State Plan Amendment
Idaho**

Date of Submission: September 27, 2010

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Effective Date of Amendment: August 1, 2010

Inclusiveness: Idaho Medicaid consults with the Tribes of Idaho and the Indian health providers (N.B., though not referenced in the SPA, Idaho has no urban clinics but does have both IHS and 638 clinics).

Process for Seeking Advice: The SPA references a consultation policy available at www.medicaid.idaho.gov. The referenced document suggests that methods of consultation include written communication (Dear Tribal Leader Letter); quarterly joint meetings among the Tribes, the Divisions of Medicaid/Welfare/Health, and the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board; invitations of Tribes with a health clinic located in Idaho to Medical Care Advisory Committee meetings; a SharePoint site where information with impact on Tribes is posted; and work groups.

Length of Time for Notification: 60 days prior to submission to CMS.

Length of Time for Response: 30 days.

Process for Seeking Expedited Advice: The SPA notes that a request may be in writing or communicated verbally as part of a quarterly tribal meeting.

Length of Time for Expedited Notification: 14 days.

Length of Time for Expedited Response: 7 days.

Consultation with Tribe concerning the SPA: The SPA preprint was shared with the Tribes and Indian Health Providers at the quarterly meeting held August 12, 2010 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. The tribal leaders received a copy of the proposed SPA language on September 20, 2010, and the draft SPA was posted to the tribal website.

Process will be used for CHIP: Yes.

Process will be used for Waivers: Yes.