

**Tribal Consultation Policy
State Plan Amendment
Maine**

Date of Submission: December 15, 2010

Approval Date: June 28, 2011

Effective Date of Amendment: January 1, 2011

Inclusiveness: The SPA describes consultation with Tribes and Indian health programs.

Process for Seeking Advice: The State seeks ongoing participation by designees of Indian health programs in regularly scheduled standing meetings. Indian health programs receive written notification through listserv updates and can provide input on policy development and provide feedback to the Department in an advisory capacity as members of the MaineCare Advisory Committee (MAC). Phone conversation, face-to-face meetings, and direct email communications with Tribes are also means of consultation.

Length of Time for Notification: 30 days in advance of submission to CMS.

Length of Time for Response: 30 days.

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: State and tribal officials reviewed the consultation process at an April 2010 meeting. Tribal representatives received a draft of the SPA on December 3, 2010; none of them provided feedback to the Department. State officials and tribal health directors met again at a May 13, 2011 meeting, and tribal health directors suggested they preferred face-to-face meetings to other forms of communication when tribal members would be affected directly.

Process will be used for CHIP: Yes.

Process will be used for Waivers: Yes.