

**Tribal Consultation Policy
State Plan Amendment
Maryland**

Date of Submission: December 27, 2010

Approval Date: March 21, 2011

Effective Date of Amendment: October 1, 2010

Inclusiveness: The SPA describes consultation with the State's sole Urban Indian Health Organization.

Process for Seeking Advice: The State will provide monthly electronic updates to the Urban Indian Health Organization of proposed submissions to CMS. The majority of the contact between Maryland and the Urban Indian Health Organization will occur electronically, but telephone, letter, and face-to-face consultation may be necessary.

Length of Time for Notification: Seven days before submission.

Length of Time for Response: Minimum of a business week.

Consultation with Tribe concerning the SPA: Representatives of IHS, CMS, and the Urban Indian Health Organization met in November 2010. A follow-up conference call occurred on February 25, 2011.

Process will be used for CHIP: Yes.

Process will be used for Waivers: Yes.