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The consultation process used for the development and submission of this State Plan Amendment is described below.

**Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe:** The MassHealth Director of Outreach and Education sent an email on 7/28/10 to the tribe's Health Director, MassHealth Insurance Coordinator and Outreach and Enrollment Specialist, suggesting a consultation policy consisting of quarterly meetings (both in-person and by conference call) with email contact between meetings as needed. The Health Director, the Health and Human Services Liaison to the Tribal Council, the MassHealth Insurance Coordinator, and the Outreach and Enrollment Specialist, sent an email to the MassHealth Director of Outreach and Education on 8/2/10 confirming that the tribe agrees with this approach.

**Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah):** During a conference call on 9/15/10 with the Chairwoman and the Acting Health Director of the tribe, the MassHealth Director of Outreach and Education and the Member Education Clinical Coordinator suggested a consultation policy consisting of quarterly meetings (both in-person and by conference call) with email contact between meetings as needed. The Chairwoman and the Acting Health Director confirmed on the call that they agreed with this approach.

During quarterly consultation calls on January 19, 2011, the representatives from the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) and the Indian Health Programs confirmed that they considered any State Plan Amendments, waiver proposals, waiver extensions, waiver amendments, waiver renewals and proposals for demonstration projects to have a direct effect on Tribal members. The Commonwealth will therefore seek advice and feedback from the Tribes and Indian Health Program on all such changes to be submitted to CMS.

**Native American Lifelines of Boston:** During a conference call on 10/27/11 with the Acting Site Director, the MassHealth Director of Outreach and Education suggested a consultation policy consisting of quarterly meetings (both in-person and by conference call) with email contact between meetings as needed. The Acting Site Director confirmed on the call that he agreed with this approach.

During quarterly consultation calls on January 19, 2011, the representatives from the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) and the Indian Health Programs confirmed that the Commonwealth will raise issues identified as having a direct effect on the Tribes in the quarterly consultation calls or via email at least a month in advance of submission to CMS; and when notice is provided in calls or via email, the Tribes will have at least two weeks to respond with advice to the Commonwealth. For major initiatives the Commonwealth will notify the Tribes early in the process of development through the stakeholder processes associated with each initiative. These

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stakeholder processes ask stakeholders, including the Tribes, to give us their advice and feedback on the initiatives.

During the call on October 27, 2011 with Native American Lifelines of Boston, the Acting Site Director indicated he agreed with the approach and timeframes for consultation as described above.