

**Tribal Consultation Policy
State Plan Amendment
Massachusetts**

Date of Submission: Not specified.

Approval Date: April 12, 2011

Effective Date of Amendment: July 1, 2010

Inclusiveness: The SPA applies to consultation with the State's two federally-recognized Tribes.

Process for Seeking Advice: Consultation occurs through quarterly meetings with the Tribes, both in-person and by conference call. Consultation also occurs by email.

Length of Time for Notification: At least one month in advance.

Length of Time for Response: The Commonwealth raises issues with 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.

Process for Seeking Expedited Advice: Email contact as needed between meetings.

Length of Time for Expedited Notification: Not specified.

Length of Time for Expedited Response: Not specified.

Consultation with Tribe concerning the SPA: Email consultation with Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe on July 28, 2010 and tribal signoff on the approach by email on August 2, 2010. A conference call occurred with the Chairwoman and Acting Health Director of the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head on September 15, 2010 where the tribal participants agreed with the approach.

Process will be used for CHIP: Yes.

Process will be used for Waivers: Yes.