

**Tribal Consultation Policy
State Plan Amendment
Minnesota**

Date of Submission: December 28, 2010

Approval Date: March 28, 2011

Effective Date of Amendment: October 1, 2010

Inclusiveness: The SPA describes consultation with tribal chairs, tribal health directors of federally-recognized Tribes, IHS representatives, and urban Indian providers.

Process for Seeking Advice: The State agency meets quarterly with tribal health directors of federally recognized tribes, IHS representatives, and urban Indian healthcare providers. Additional separate meetings, conference calls, or other mechanisms are also possible. Representatives of the Tribes are appointed to the Medicaid Citizens' Advisory Committee. The State agency liaison sends electronic written notification to tribal chairs, tribal health directors, tribal social services directors, the IHS Area office director, and the director of the Minneapolis Indian Board Clinic of anticipated actions. When an Indian healthcare provider requests changes, the State agency liaison reports back on whether or not the change was included in the submission.

Length of Time for Notification: 60 days before submission.

Process for Seeking Expedited Advice: Same process for notification set forth above.

Length of Time for Expedited Notification: Longest practicable notice.

Consultation with Tribe concerning the SPA: On October 21, 2009, the 11 Tribes, IHS, and the Minneapolis Indian Health Board Clinic received electronic notification of the new consultation requirements. On November 17, 2009, the consultation requirements were discussed at the quarterly tribal health directors' meeting. On February 2, 2010, a draft consultation policy went to all Indian healthcare providers with a request for comments. On February 18, 2010, a discussion occurred at the quarterly tribal health directors' meeting. On May 2, 2010, a revised draft policy was sent to providers. At the May 12, 2010 meeting, the revised draft policy was discussed and since no one requested additional comments, the policy was considered final.

Process will be used for CHIP: Yes.

Process will be used for Waivers: Yes.