

**Tribal Consultation Policy  
State Plan Amendment  
Mississippi**

Date of Submission: December 23, 2010

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Effective Date of Amendment: January 1, 2011

Inclusiveness: The SPA addresses consultation with Mississippi's sole federally-recognized Tribe, the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians (MBCI).

Process for Seeking Advice: Written description of the proposed change and direct impact sent by regular mail and email to the tribal designee, the Director of Financial Services at the Choctaw Health Center.

Length of Time for Notification: 60 days prior to a submission to CMS.

Length of Time for Response: 30 days after notification.

Process for Seeking Expedited Advice: Conference call about the proposed change, including a description of the impact on the Tribe and the reason for urgency. Confirmation of the content of the discussion covered in a follow-up email.

Length of Time for Expedited Notification: Less than 60 days prior to a submission to CMS.

Length of Time for Expedited Response: Not specified.

Consultation with Tribe concerning the SPA: In a meeting between staff from the Mississippi Division of Medicaid and MBCI tribal health staff on June 28, 2010, the Interim Health Director indicated a letter to him would be sufficient. In later discussions after the resignation of the Interim Health Director, the MBCI Director of Financial Services confirmed a letter would be sufficient, and the Division of Medicaid decided to send it by both regular mail and e-mail.

Process will be used for CHIP: Yes.

Process will be used for Waivers: Yes.