

**Tribal Consultation Policy
State Plan Amendment
Montana**

Date of Submission: March 31, 2011

Approval Date: April 5, 2011

Effective Date of Amendment: April 1, 2011

Inclusiveness: The SPA describes consultation with IHS programs (“the Director of the Billings Area Indian Health Service”), tribal health programs (“Tribal President or Tribal Chairmen from Federally recognized Tribes”, “Tribal Health Departments”), and urban Indian programs (Urban Indian Organizations”).

Process for Seeking Advice: The Department of Public Health and Human Services will consult with I/T/Us by standard mail or email. Either the Department or I/T/Us may request a meeting for discussion.

Length of Time for Notification: 45 days prior to submission to CMS.

Length of Time for Response: 30 days.

Process for Seeking Expedited Advice: Not specified.

Length of Time for Expedited Notification: Not specified.

Length of Time for Expedited Response: Not specified.

Consultation with Tribe concerning the SPA: The Department sent letters to the seven federally-recognized Tribes in Montana, Tribal Health Departments, Social Service Directors, and Urban Center Director on January 27, 2011 that described potential approaches to consultation and reminded recipients of the February 3, 2011 meeting. Two meetings, one held on February 3, 2011 and a second held February 22, 2011, addressed the consultation options. This process led to the adoption of the option described above.

Process will be used for CHIP: Yes.

Process will be used for Waivers: Yes.