

**Tribal Consultation Policy
State Plan Amendment
Nevada**

Date of Submission: January 18, 2011

Approval Date: April 5, 2011

Effective Date of Amendment: January 1, 2011

Inclusiveness: The SPA describes consultation with all federally-recognized Tribes and I/T/Us within the State of Nevada.

Process for Seeking Advice: The SPA refers to a pre-existing consultation process between the Department of Health and Human Services and the Tribes. In addition to this policy, the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy now requires notification to Tribes and I/T/Us that describes the proposed action; the anticipated impact on tribal members, Tribes, and/or I/T/Us; and the method to provide official written comments and questions. If a Tribe and/or an I/T/U requests a meeting, such a meeting will be made available.

Length of Time for Notification: Not specified.

Length of Time for Response: 30 days.

Process for Seeking Expedited Advice: The need for an expedited process in case of notification of policy changes due to budget cuts prior to implementation is referenced, but the notification is not described.

Length of Time for Expedited Notification: One week notice prior to a change being implemented as agreed upon in the Tribe-State consultation process. Two week notice prior to the submission in the case of SPAs, waiver requests, and/or waiver renewals.

Length of Time for Expedited Response: Not specified.

Consultation with Tribe concerning the SPA: State officials met with representatives from the Indian Health Board of Nevada on August 13, 2009. A draft policy resulted that was discussed at an October 7, 2009 meeting. Revisions to the draft ensued and were discussed at a November 10, 2009 meeting. Subsequently, 11 responses were received from tribal chairpersons assenting to the policy; the policy was ultimately adopted March 31, 2010.

Process will be used for CHIP: Yes.

Process will be used for Waivers: Yes.