

**Tribal Consultation Policy  
State Plan Amendment  
North Dakota**

Date of Submission: December 20, 2011

Approval Date: February 3, 2012

Effective Date of Amendment: January 1, 2012

Inclusiveness: The SPA describes consultation with North Dakota Tribes and the Indian Health Service. Notice will go to Tribal Chairs, Tribal Healthcare Directors, the Executive Director of the Indian Affairs Commission, IHS representatives, and the Executive Director of the Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board.

Process for Seeking Advice: The consultation process will use written notification when a proposal or change would have a direct impact on the Tribes, IHS, or tribal members. Consultation will also consist of one or more of Indian Affairs Commission Meetings, Interim Tribal and State Relations Committee Meetings, Medicaid, Medical Advisory Committee Meetings, and Independent Tribal Council Meetings. The SPA defines ongoing correspondence as a web link on the North Dakota Department of Human Services website which is specific to North Dakota Tribes.

Length of Time for Notification: Not specified.

Length of Time for Response: Responses to written correspondence are due within 30 days of receipt of notice. The SPA also provides 30 days to request a face-to-face meeting.

Process for Seeking Expedited Advice: Written notice.

Length of Time for Expedited Notification: Not specified.

Length of Time for Expedited Response: May be truncated to accommodate circumstances.

Consultation with Tribe concerning the SPA: Five meetings with tribal stakeholders were held between September 2009 and September 2010. A Draft Tribal Consultation Policy was mailed in December 2010. Subsequent meetings occurred in September and November 2011. An expedited process was added as the result of the November meeting and a consultation letter was sent to the Tribes and IS on November 17, 2011. No further input was received.

Process will be used for CHIP: Yes.

Process will be used for Waivers: Yes.