

**Tribal Consultation Policy  
State Plan Amendment  
Texas**

Date of Submission: October 5, 2010

Approval Date: March 31, 2011

Effective Date of Amendment: October 6, 2011

Inclusiveness: The SPA describes consultation with designees of federally-recognized Tribes, Indian health programs, urban Indian organizations.

Process for Seeking Advice: A request for feedback. Notification for changes that impact funding will be made when a reduction of one million dollars or more, all funds, is proposed for a program or State Plan category. The SPA indicates that Medicaid staff will hold regular conference calls with designees from the three federally-recognized Tribes in Texas and Urban Inter-Tribal Center of Texas (UITCT).

Length of Time for Notification: 30 days prior to submission.

Length of Time for Response: Not specified.

Process for Seeking Expedited Advice: Not specified.

Length of Time for Expedited Notification: 7 days prior to submission.

Length of Time for Expedited Response: Not specified.

Consultation with Tribe concerning the SPA: The State Medicaid agency staff met face-to-face with the health service designees of the federally-recognized Tribes and UITCT. The Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas did not send a representative to the meeting, and on May 21, 2010, the State Medicaid staff discussed in a conference call the potential consultation process with a tribal designee. When the State sent the draft consultation policy to each Indian health program and urban Indian organization, no changes were suggested, and all parties subsequently signed a tribal consultation agreement form.

Process will be used for CHIP: Yes.

Process will be used for Waivers: Yes.