

**Tribal Consultation Policy
State Plan Amendment
Washington**

Date of Submission: September 26, 2011

Approval Date: December 21, 2011

Effective Date of Amendment: July 1, 2011

Inclusiveness: The SPA describes consultation with tribal leaders, tribal clinic directors, tribal health administrators as requested by the Tribe, the IHS chief executive officer, the urban Indian health organization directors, the American Indian Health Commission (AIHC), the Portland Area IHS office, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB), and the Senior Director for the Office of Indian Policy (so he can forward to Indian Policy Advisory Committee [IPAC] delegates).

Process for Seeking Advice: State Medicaid staff attends the bi-monthly meetings of AIHC, ad hoc AIHC groups, quarterly IPAC meetings, and IPAC subcommittee meetings on specific topics. It also disseminates program information to interested parties, including NPAIHB which each week sends the information to health board delegates. In addition to these processes, the State uses a Dear Tribal Leader to notify Tribes, Indian health programs, and urban Indian health organizations of impending changes. Hard copies are automatically mailed to tribal leaders and to others by email. Others may receive a hard copy if they request it. Both verbal and written responses are documented, and if requested, in-person meetings are scheduled.

Length of Time for Notification: 60 days before submission.

Length of Time for Response: 30 days.

Process for Seeking Expedited Advice: The SPA implies expedited meetings are possible.

Length of Time for Expedited Notification: 10 days before submission.

Length of Time for Expedited Response: 7 days.

Consultation with Tribe concerning the SPA: The draft Policy and Procedure were sent electronically to AIHC on June 6, 2011. These documents were then presented at the AIHC meeting on June 10, 2011. The draft was distributed to tribal leaders at a meeting on June 9, 2011. Electronic and written notification and a copy of the SPA were sent on July 28, 2011 to the individuals and entities noted above in the statement about inclusiveness.

Process will be used for CHIP: Yes.

Process will be used for Waivers: Yes.