

**Tribal Consultation Policy
State Plan Amendment
Wyoming**

Date of Submission: August 1, 2011

Approval Date: December 7, 2011

Effective Date of Amendment: September 30, 2011

Inclusiveness: The SPA describes consultation with the IHS clinic at Fort Washakie and the two federally-recognized Tribes in Wyoming, the Eastern Shoshoni and the Northern Arapahoe Tribes. The SPA specifies that Wyoming currently has no urban Indian clinics.

Process for Seeking Advice: Notification of representatives by email in letter format of the Tribes and clinic. The Department of Health will appoint a designated liaison for Medicaid and CHIP to facilitate the relationship between the State and the Tribes and the State and the clinic. On an as-needed basis, the State Medicaid Agency will convene meetings with representative of the Tribes, IHS, and the State to discuss issues. The State Medicaid Agency will provide both Tribes and IHS with a current list of Division contacts for the Medicaid and CHIP programs. The State Medicaid Agency will make an annual onsite visit to federally recognized tribal programs and/or facilitate collaboration among all parties.

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: Not specified.

Length of Time for Expedited Response: Not specified.

Consultation with Tribe concerning the SPA: Medicaid staff met with tribal and IHS clinic leaders in meetings where the consultation policy was discussed on March 23, 2011, April 19, 2011, and May 9, 2011. The State notified the Tribes on May 17, 2011 of the SPA, and after 30 days, it had received no objections, changes, or suggestions.

Process will be used for CHIP: Yes.

Process will be used for Waivers: Yes.