**Tribal Consultation Policy**

**State Plan Amendment**

**Montana**

**Date of Submission:** December 19, 2014

**Approval Date:** January 15, 2015

**Effective Date of Amendment:** December 1, 2014

**Inclusiveness:** The SPA describes consultation with Montana’s Tribal Governments, Tribal Health Programs, Urban Indian Centers, and the Indian Health Service.

**Process for Seeking Advice:** the Department of Public Health and Human Services will consult with I/T/Us by standard mail or email. Either the Department or I/T/Us may request a meeting.

**Length of Time for Notification:** 28 days prior to submission

**Length of Time for Response:** 21 days

**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:**  A letter was sent on October 24, 2014, inviting representatives from Montana’s Tribal Governments, Tribal Health Programs, Urban Indian Centers, and the Indian Health Service. On November 6, 2014, a consultation was held at DPHHS to discuss revision of consultation guidelines. On December 9, 2014, a teleconference was held at DPHHS to finalize revision of consultation guidelines. This process led to for all waivers or amendments, DPHHS will consult with I/T/Us by standard mail or email 28 days in advance of amendment or waiver submission to CMS. This timeframe includes 21 days for I/T/Us to send responses to DPHHS for consideration before submission. At the Department’s discretion or by request from I/T/Us DPHHS may elect to host meeting with I/T/Us to discuss any amendment or waiver.

**Process will be used for CHIP:** Yes

**Process will be used for Waivers:** Yes