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State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: WY-17-0004

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Region VIII

May 26, 2017

Teri Green, State Medicaid Agent
Office of Health Care Financing
Wyoming Department of Health
6101 Yellowstone Road, Suite 210
Cheyenne, WY 82009

RE: Wyoming #17-0004

Dear Ms. Green:

We have reviewed the proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 17-0004. The Tribal Leadership Advisory Council was established through an internal Wyoming Department of Health policy to seek advice on a regular, ongoing basis from the federally recognized Wyoming Tribes and Indian Health Services on matters related to Medicaid and/or Kid Care CHIP. The wording for this policy was added to the Tribal Consultation SPA.

Please be informed that this State Plan Amendment was approved today with an effective date of April 1, 2017. We are enclosing the CMS-179 and the amended plan page(s).

If you have any questions concerning this amendment, please contact Cindy Riddle at (303) 844-7116.

Sincerely,

A black rectangular box redacting the signature of Richard C. Allen.

Richard C. Allen
Associate Regional Administrator
Division for Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

cc: Thomas Forslund, Director
Sheree Nall
Cindy Tallerdy
Lindsey Schilling

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF
STATE PLAN MATERIAL**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:

WY17-0004

2. STATE

WYOMING

FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION

3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE
SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)

TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR

HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

4/1/2017

5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (*Check One*):

☐ NEW STATE PLAN

☐ AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN

☒ AMENDMENT

COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (*Separate Transmittal for each amendment*)

6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION:

42 CFR 431.12 b

7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT:

SFY17 - \$5,000

SFY18 - \$15,000

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:

Section 1.4

9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION
OR ATTACHMENT (*If Applicable*):

Section 1.4

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: The Tribal Leadership Advisory Council was established through an internal Wyoming Department of Health policy to seek advice on a regular, ongoing basis from the federally recognized Wyoming Tribes and Indian Health Services on matters related to Medicaid and/or Kid Care CHIP. The wording for this policy was added to the Tribal Consultation SPA.

11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (*Check One*):

☐ GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT

☐ COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED

☐ NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

☒ OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: Delegated to Teri Green, State Medicaid Agent, Division of Healthcare Financing

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL:

13. TYPED NAME: TERI GREEN

14. TITLE: STATE MEDICAID AGENT

15. DATE SUBMITTED: 5-4-17

16. RETURN TO:

TERI GREEN

STATE MEDICAID AGENT

DIVISION OF HEALTHCARE FINANCING

6101 YELLOWSTONE ROAD, SUITE 210

CHEYENNE, WY 82002

CC: CINDY TALLERDY, SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
(SAME ADDRESS)

FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY

17. DATE RECEIVED:

May 4, 2017

18. DATE APPROVED:

May 26, 2017

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL:

April 1, 2017

21. TYPED NAME:

Richard C. Allen

22. TITLE:

ARA, DMCHO

REMARKS:

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

1.4 State Medical Care Advisory Committee (**42CFR 431.12 (b)**)

There is an advisory committee to a Medicaid agency director on health and medical care services established in accordance with and meeting all requirements of 42 CFR 431.12.

Tribal Consultation Requirements

Section 1902 (a)(73) of the Social Security Act (the Act) requires a State in which one or more Indian Health Programs or Urban Indian Organizations furnish health care services to establish a process for the State Medicaid agency to seek advice on a regular, ongoing basis from designees of Indian health programs, whether operated by Indian Health Services (IHS), Tribes or Tribal organizations under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA), or Urban Indian Organizations under the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA). Section 2107 (e)(I) of the Act was also amended to apply these requirements to the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Consultation is required concerning Medicaid and CHIP matters having a direct impact on Indian Health Programs and Urban Indian organizations.

The Department of Health, as a state agency, shall establish and promote a relationship of cooperation and coordination, open communication and good will. The Department will work in good faith to amicably and fairly resolve issues and differences. The Department staff will interact and consult with Tribal governments, and the parties noted above, on a government to government basis to provide services to Wyoming's American Indians.

Wyoming will use the process identified in the section to seek advice on a regular, ongoing basis from Indian Health Services located at Fort Washakie (IHS) and the federally recognized Wyoming tribes on matters related to the Medicaid and/or CHIP Program and for consultation on all State Plan Amendments (SPA), waiver proposals, waiver extensions, waiver amendments, waiver renewals and proposals for demonstration projects prior to submission to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

- A) The State will assure that representatives of both the Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho tribes and Indian Health Services (IHS) are notified at least 30 days prior to the above changes to being submitted to CMS. This will allow time for the tribes to review and provide recommendations and advice on current and future policy initiatives and pending changes to the Medicaid and/or CHIP programs.
- B) The Wyoming Department of Health, Division of Healthcare Financing will appoint a designated liaison for Medicaid and CHIP to facilitate the intergovernmental relationship between Medicaid, CHIP, The Wyoming Tribes and Wyoming IHS or other entities meeting the definition under the Act to assure compliance with the federal provisions for consultation and to expedite communications.
- C) The Medicaid Agency will implement the following process to seek advice on a regular and ongoing basis on matters related to Medicaid and/or CHIP

- (1) On a quarterly basis, Tribal Leadership Advisory Council meetings will be held in person or by another agreed upon means of communication (conference call, webinar, etc). The meetings will include two representatives from the Eastern Shoshone Tribal Leadership, two representatives from the Northern Arapaho Tribal Leadership, two representatives in a decision making capacity from IHS and/or their designees, one representative from each of the Department of Health divisions and/or other designated groups. The Department must be notified in writing if the designees change.
- (2) Convene as needed additional face-to-face meetings with representatives from both Tribes, IHS and the State to discuss any items of importance to the parties.
- (3) Provide both Tribes and IHS with a current list of Division contacts for the Medicaid and CHIP programs
- (4) The Medicaid Agency will make an annual onsite visit to federally recognized Tribal Programs and/or facilitate collaboration and understanding among all parties.