



## 2025 CMS/ITU Outreach and Education Indian Health Services – Albuquerque Area

August 20 – 21, 2025

Sheraton Albuquerque Airport Hotel

2910 Yale Blvd. SE

Albuquerque, NM 87106

### August 20 – DAY 1 CMS Medicaid and State Programs

7:30 – 8:00 am		
REGISTRATION		
8:00 – 8:30 am	Welcome and Introductions  Prayer and Blessings/Cultural Moment	<b>Stacey Steiner</b> CMS Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group Native American Contact (NAC) <b>Jamerson Ray Tafoya</b> Tribal Administrator, Pueblo of San Felipe
8:30 – 9:30 am	CMS Medicaid Basics, Renewals and Enrollment, and Clinic Services	<b>Stacey Steiner</b>
9:30 – 10:30 am	Navigating the Marketplace	<b>Kristen Bitsuie</b> NIHB Tribal Health Care Reform Outreach and Education Policy Manager
10:30 – 10:45 am	BREAK	
10:45 – 11:45 am	Health First Colorado	<b>Spencer Green</b> County and Tribal Liaison Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing
11:45 pm – 1:00 pm		
LUNCH (on your own)		
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	CMS Division of Tribal Affairs Policy Updates and New Programs	<b>Beverly Lofton</b> CMS Division of Tribal Affairs
2:00 – 3:30 pm	New Mexico Turquoise Care: “Speed-dating” with the MCOs!	<b>Theresa Belanger</b> Native American Liaison, New Mexico Medicaid NM Managed Care Organization Representatives
3:30 – 4:30pm	New Mexico Managed Care and FFS Client Medical Travel	<b>Theresa Belanger</b>
4:30 pm	Closing Remarks	<b>CMS and NIHB</b>

## August 21 – Day 2 Medicare and Partners in Tribal Communities

7:30 – 8:00 am	REGISTRATION	
8:00 – 8:30 am	Welcome and Introductions  Prayer and Blessings/Cultural Moment	<b>Beverly Lofton</b>  <b>Jon Ghahate</b>
8:30 – 9:30 am	NIHB Outreach and Updates	<b>Kristen Bitsuie</b> NIHB Tribal Health Care Reform Outreach and Education Policy Manager
9:30 – 10:30 am	CMS Medicare Basics and Tribal Marketing Materials	<b>Beverly Lofton</b> CMS Division of Tribal Affairs
10:30 – 10:45 am	BREAK	
10:45 – 11:45 am	Sacred Stories, Stories of Resilience: <i>Building Trust and Health for Native Peoples</i>	<b>CMS and NIHB</b>
11:45 am – 1:00 pm	LUNCH (on your own)	
1:00 – 2:00 pm	Community Benefit: <i>“Investing For Tomorrow, Delivering Today”</i>	<b>Kristen Borders-Wood</b> Deputy Bureau Chief – Long Term Services and Supports Bureau New Mexico Health Care Authority <b>Victoria Sanchez</b> Community Benefit Staff Manager New Mexico Health Care Authority
2:00 – 3:00 pm	Coding Session: <i>“You Should Know...”</i>	<b>Andrea Busby, RHIA</b> AHIMA-Approved ICD-10-CM/PCS Trainer VP, Business Development Badger Health & Associates, LLC
3:00 – 3:15 pm	BREAK	
3:15 – 4:15 pm	Coding Session: <i>“You Should Know...”</i> (Cont.)	<b>Andrea Busby, RHIA</b>
4:15 pm	Closing Remarks and Dismissal	<b>CMS and NIHB</b>