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Honorable Kathleen Sebelius
Secretary of Health and Human Services
Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 2020

Re: State Licensure on Tribal Lands: ADHS Letter Supporting Tribal Sovereignty

Dear Secretary Sebelius:

The Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS), the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) and CMS have worked collaboratively over the years with Arizona Tribes to verify and confirm that AHCCCS providers operating on Tribal trust land meet all state licensing requirements for health and safety. The existing system of Courtesy Compliance Surveys by our Licensing Team and Tribal Attestation has worked successfully over the years because we have developed a trusting relationship with Arizona Tribes based upon an understanding that Tribes have the responsibility to ensure non-IHS/638 on reservation AHCCCS providers are in compliance with ADHS regulations. The current system of Tribal Attestations works well, supports government-to-government relationships and Tribal sovereignty, and is in compliance with Arizona Executive Order 2006-14 "Consultation and Cooperation with Arizona Tribes."

Thank you for this opportunity to submit this letter of support on behalf of Arizona Tribes. Please let ADHS know how we can support you in your efforts regarding this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Will Humble". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Will Humble
Director

cc: Michael Allison, Native American Liaison, ADHS
Dr. Cara Christ, Assistant Director, Division of Licensing Services, ADHS