

NAVIGATING MEDICAID WAIVERS TO SUPPORT TRADITIONAL HEALING SERVICES

Technical Assistance Outcomes: First Nations Community HealthSource



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Technical Assistance Focus

Identifying pathways for Medicaid reimbursement of traditional healing services under New Mexico's approved waiver.

Challenges Identified

- Exclusion of UIOs from New Mexico's Traditional Healing waiver implementation
- Lack of 100% Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) for traditional healing services provided by UIOs

Technical Assistance Provided

- Conducted policy research on New Mexico's waiver and UIO exclusion
- Developed a detailed memo outlining reimbursement and engagement options

Implementation Outcomes

- Clarified legislative and policy barriers to UIO participation in the waiver
- Provided a menu of options, including state engagement and care coordination agreements
- Equipped leadership with information to assess next steps for inclusion

Key Takeaway for Other UIOs

Early analysis of waiver implementation details is critical to identifying viable reimbursement and support strategies.

Implementation Status In progress

