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On or before 3/30/18, the Department of Public Health and Human Services will submit a request to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to update the following Medicaid State Plan.

Effective 4/1/18, language will be added to the Indian Health Service (IHS) State Plan recognizing Tribal 638 programs' choice to be designated as a Tribal Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). Tribal FQHC's will be reimbursed an alternative payment methodology that reimburses Tribal FQHC's following the same categories of service and negotiated rates as Indian Health Service. There is no anticipated federal annual budget impact because services and reimbursement remain the same as Tribes are paid at this time.

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