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Dear Family Infant Toddler (FIT) and Children’s Medical Services (CMS) staff:

The New Mexico School for the Deaf (NMSD) and the New Mexico Department of Health (DOH) are pleased to re-issue an updated protocol regarding consultation and services for children who are deaf or hard of hearing. This protocol has been in place since 2001 and has ensured that an array of services is available to children and families along with specific expertise necessary to serve children who are deaf and hard of hearing and their families.

This process assists the FIT and CMS Program providers in accessing in-depth information and resources by connecting them to expert consultants from NMSD. NMSD services are provided at no charge to families or DOH providers and are available regionally.

We are enclosing a copy of the protocol with this letter. Please use the protocol to support your capacity to meet the needs of children you serve who are deaf or hard of hearing and their families.

Questions on the protocol or related matters can be addressed by:

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