DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES   Public Health Service

Acoma-Canoncito-Laguna Service Unit
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Dear ACL Patient:

I know there have been a lot of questions related to the services and overall operations at the Acoma-Canoncito-Laguna Hospital. I want to share information with you about the changes at the hospital.

The ACL Hospital is not closing. We will continue to operate a federal direct-service healthcare facility and will always strive to provide comprehensive, high-quality health care to anyone eligible for IHS services. On February 17, we transitioned the ACL Hospital to a federally-operated accredited ambulatory health center. In addition to urgent care and same-day acute care, we will continue providing primary care, behavioral health, audiology, dental, pharmacy, laboratory, purchase/referred care, and public health nursing services. We will no longer provide inpatient and emergency room services. See the accompanying document for more information on emergency and other services.

You may be wondering why this change is being implemented. In 2021, we transferred responsibility to the Laguna Healthcare Corporation, on behalf of the Pueblo of Laguna, to administer some healthcare services authorized through an Indian self-determination contract. The IHS is committed to Tribal self-governance and self-determination. The Laguna Health Corporation opened the Laguna Community Health Center in March 2021 to provide services to all eligible beneficiaries.

We remain dedicated to strengthening our partnership with Tribes and the relationships we have with our patients. We look forward to continuing to provide access to comprehensive, high quality health care for American Indians and Alaska Natives in the Albuquerque Area IHS and working closely with tribally-administered health programs such as the Laguna Community Health Center.

If you have any questions regarding services available, eligibility, or anything else related to this change, please contact me directly at (505) 552-5305, or the main line to the facility at 505-552-5300.

Sincerely,

/Delaine Alley/
Chief Executive Officer
ACL Service Unit