



Albuquerque Area Indian Health Service
Acoma-Canoncito-Laguna Hospital
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Dear ACL Patient:

Today, the Indian Health Service Acoma-Canoncito-Laguna Service Unit has transferred responsibility for some services to the Laguna Health Corporation, on behalf of the Pueblo of Laguna, pursuant to its right to self-determination. The Laguna Health Corporation has opened a new Laguna Community Health Center to provide these services to all eligible beneficiaries. The IHS respects the choices of tribes to assume the responsibility of providing health care services to their communities in accordance with federal law.

The IHS will continue to operate a federally operated health care facility, in the existing Acoma-Canoncito-Laguna Hospital, providing health services in the Albuquerque Area to anyone who is eligible for IHS services. The IHS remains committed to providing access to health care for American Indians and Alaska Natives, and we continue to work with the Laguna Community Health Center to provide a smooth transition for all patients. We appreciate your patience during this transition.

This change is in response to authorizations by the Pueblo of Laguna for the Laguna Community Health Center to provide services on their behalf under a contract with the IHS. The number of success stories grows each year, and the IHS supports this success by offering information, assistance, and coordination.

We value our partnership with the 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.

At this time, if you have any questions regarding services available, eligibility, or anything else related to this change, please feel free to contact me directly at 505-552-5303, or the main line to the facility at 505-552-5300.

Sincerely yours,

/Barbara Felipe/
Chief Executive Officer (Acting)
ACL Service Unit