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Executive Deputy Commissioner

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Cayuga Nation
Mr. Clinton Halftown
Nation Representative
P.O. Box 803
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Dear Mr. Halftown:

This letter is to follow up to my June 6 letter to notify you that New York State will request a waiver amendment from the federal government that will allow the state to invest up to \$10 billion in savings generated by the Medicaid Redesign Team (MRT) reforms to implement an action plan to transform the state's health care system.

My office had scheduled a conference call for Monday, June 25 at 1:00 PM. Unfortunately, technical difficulties prevented the call from connecting, and we were unable to hold our discussion on the waiver amendment.

We have rescheduled the conference call to provide an overview of the waiver amendment process and take any questions you may have. The call is scheduled for Tuesday, July 17 at 11:30 AM. If you would like to participate, please use the following call-in information:

Call-in #: 1-866-394-2346
Conference Code: 105 726 8043#

Copies of the waiver amendment summary document and an overview presentation are attached to this letter. More details are available at the state's MRT waiver website at http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/mrt_waiver.htm. Additionally, you are invited to sign up for an email list serve which will provide updates throughout the waiver public engagement and application process at http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/listserv.htm.

As you know, under the State's Section 1115 Demonstration programs, Native Americans with Medicaid coverage may enroll in managed care plans but are not required to do so. Under these amendments to the 1115 waiver, this exemption from mandatory enrollment for Native Americans will be continued. In addition, for Native Americans who choose to enroll in

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managed care plans, existing policies relating to tribal providers will be continued. We anticipate these changes will have minimal impact on Tribal Nations.

If you're not able to participate, or have additional comments, please forward any questions or input regarding this waiver amendment to my office by Friday, July 20. We look forward to our continued collaboration.

Sincerely,



Jason A. Helgerson
Medicaid Director
Deputy Commissioner
Office of Health Insurance Programs

Enclosure

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