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April 20, 2017

Mr. Buford L. Rolin  
Tribal Chairman  
Poarch Band Indian Health Department  
5811 Jack Springs Road  
Atmore, Alabama 36502

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Dear Mr. Rolin:

As directed by the Tribal Consultation Section 1902(a) (73) of the Social Security Act and Federal Regulation, this notice to the Tribal Government is hereby given for the anticipated submission of a request to renew the Family Planning Section §1115 Demonstration Waiver which governs the provision of family planning services under the Plan First Program.

Medicaid will provide the Tribal Government the opportunity to review and provide input on the Demonstration Waiver that will be submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The proposed effective dates for the Waiver extension are January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2022. The Waiver application is seeking continued flexibility in administering and managing the Plan First Program delivery model for the provision of family planning services to eligible individuals. It is designed to reduce unintended pregnancies and improve the well-being of women, men and infants in Alabama. The Agency does not anticipate a change in expenditures due to this Demonstration extension request.

This notice provides details about the waiver submission and serves to open the 30-day public comment period, which closes on Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at 5:00 PM (CST). In addition to the 30-day public comment period in which the Tribal Government will be able to provide written comments to the agency via the US postal service or electronic mail, Medicaid will also host two public hearings in which the Tribal Government may provide verbal comments directly to the Agency. The public hearings will be held on the following dates and times at the following geographically distinct locations:

**Thursday, May 11, 2017, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM (CST)**

Alabama Medicaid Agency District Office  
468 Palisades Blvd.  
Birmingham, AL 35209

**Friday, May 12, 2017, 10:00 AM -11:00 AM (CST)**

Alabama Medicaid Agency Boardroom  
501 Dexter Avenue  
Montgomery, AL 36104

Medicaid will be presenting on the renewal at the public hearings. Teleconference access will be available for individuals who cannot attend in person. Dial in instructions will be posted on Medicaid's website at: [http://www.medicaid.alabama.gov/content/4.0\\_Programs/4.2\\_Medical\\_Services/4.2.4\\_Family\\_Planning.aspx](http://www.medicaid.alabama.gov/content/4.0_Programs/4.2_Medical_Services/4.2.4_Family_Planning.aspx). All information regarding the Demonstration Waiver, including a full public notice, the waiver application and other documentation regarding the proposal are available at:

[http://www.medicaid.alabama.gov/content/4.0\\_Programs/4.2\\_Medical\\_Services/4.2.4\\_Family\\_Planning.aspx](http://www.medicaid.alabama.gov/content/4.0_Programs/4.2_Medical_Services/4.2.4_Family_Planning.aspx). A copy of the draft Demonstration renewal application will also be available upon request for public review at each county office of the Department of Human Resources and the State Office of the Alabama Medicaid Agency.

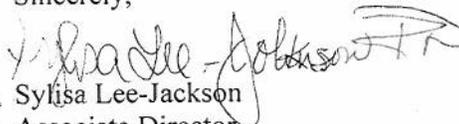
Written comments concerning the §1115 Demonstration Waiver should be submitted on or before 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 30, 2017 to the following e-mail address:

[sylisa.lee-jackson@medicaid.alabama.gov](mailto:sylisa.lee-jackson@medicaid.alabama.gov) or mailed to Sylisa Lee-Jackson R.N., Associate Director Maternity, Family Planning/Plan First and Nurse Midwife Programs, Managed Care Division, Alabama Medicaid Agency, 501 Dexter Avenue, Montgomery, Alabama 36103-5624. Comments can also be submitted via email to [PublicComment@medicaid.alabama.gov](mailto:PublicComment@medicaid.alabama.gov) or mailed to Administrative Secretary, Alabama Medicaid Agency, 501 Dexter Avenue, P.O. Box 5624, Montgomery, Alabama 36103-5624.

All written comments will be available for review by the public during normal business hours at the above address. Prior to finalizing the proposed waiver, Medicaid will consider all of the Tribal Government and public comments received during the public comment period, both written and verbal. The comments will be summarized and addressed in the final draft of the waiver to be submitted to CMS.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (334) 353-4599.

Sincerely,



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