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Greg Gianforte, Governor
Adam Meier, Director

July 28, 2021

The Honorable [First Name] [Last Name]
[Title]
[Company Name]
[Address Line 1]
[City], [State] [Zip Code]

Re: Invitation to attend virtual formal Medicaid State-Tribal Consultation on HEART (Healing and Ending Addiction through Recovery and Treatment) Demonstration Waiver Application and HEART Fund - Thursday, August 26, 2021

Dear [Title] [Last Name]:

The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) extends an invitation to join us for a formal Medicaid tribal consultation that is being held with representatives of Tribal Governments, Urban Indian Health Centers and the Indian Health Service.

The Medicaid tribal consultation will be held via Zoom on **Thursday, August 26, 2021 from 8:30 am – 12:00 noon**. The agenda and zoom call in information will be provided to you prior to the tribal consultation.

In support of Governor Gianforte's HEART Initiative, the Montana Department of Health and Human Services intends to submit an application to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to expand available behavioral health treatment for Medicaid members. This application for an 1115 demonstration waiver seeks federal authority to pay for additional community-based treatment services as well as expanded inpatient and residential treatment options, and will be submitted on or before September 30, 2021. In addition, we will discuss the HEART Fund, established through House Bill 701 during the most recent legislative session.

If you have questions, comments or need additional information, please contact Mary Eve Kulawik, State Plan Amendment and Waiver Coordinator, at (406) 444-2584, or by email at mkulawik@mt.gov; or Lesa Evers, Tribal Relations Manager at (406) 444-1813 or by email at levers@mt.gov.

The department is interested in learning about how these proposed new services could impact your membership and community.

Sincerely,

Marie Matthews
Montana State Medicaid Director

c: [Tribal Health Director]
Misty Kuhl, Director of Indian Affairs, Governor's Office
Lesa Evers, Tribal Relations Manager, DPHHS