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The Honorable [First Name] [Last Name]
[Title]
[Company Name]
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Re: **Invitation to attend formal in-person Medicaid State-Tribal Consultation to be held Tuesday, December 7, 2021 in Helena re Behavioral Health Continuum**

Dear [Title] [Last Name]:

The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) would like to extend 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 in-person tribal consultation will be held in Helena on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. Lunch will be provided. We recognize that some folks still have travel restrictions on so we will have a zoom link available for those that are unable to join us in person.

This will be a single topic tribal consultation on the behavioral health continuum to discuss Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health Services that are provided by our tribal health partners across Montana, in outpatient and also in residential settings.

Your input is critical to this discussion and we are hopeful that you can attend and be prepared to share:

- 1) type of services you are currently delivering related to Substance Use Disorders;
- 2) type of services you are currently delivering related to Mental Health Services;
- 3) identification of gaps and challenges in delivering services;
- 4) ideas you may have on what could be improved related to Medicaid reimbursements and Medicaid policy related to this topic; and
- 5) other items you find important related to this topic.

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

Your participation is most valuable to us and we look forward to the time we can share with you during these important discussions.

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

