



**Steve Bullock, Governor**

**Sheila Hogan, Director**

June 11, 2020

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

**Re: Medicaid Reimbursement for Pharmacy 90 day and Early Fills**

Dear [Title] [Last Name]:

With the current state of emergency in the State of Montana and across the nation due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services is providing additional direction regarding Medicaid reimbursement for all non-controlled medications that have been filled for 90 days as a result of COVID-19.

We understand that tribal governments have taken the necessary actions to ensure their membership remain healthy and unaffected by this virus and to find ways to limit its spread across the state. As a result, tribal governments and the Indian Health Service may have made the decision to allow for 90 days of medication to be filled in March 2020 when the State of Emergency was declared. These 90 day fills may have resulted in medications being filled to early and claim denials.

Montana Medicaid will provide reimbursement to Tribes and IHS for these medications for those members who are Medicaid eligible **effective March 1, 2020**. All medications other than DEA schedule II should pay for 90 days. All non-controlled medications (excluding gabapentin) will pay early with a 50% grace period. DEA schedule II-V and gabapentin will continue to pay with a 10% grace period. Tribes and IHS will need to resubmit the claims to Medicaid. If you continue to experience denials please reachout for further assistance.

We value the partnership we share with you and it is important we work together to keep Montanans safe, mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and ensure reduced exposure and transmission. The department is committed to responding to your needs in these unprecedented times of the COVID-19 pandemic.

If you have any further questions or comments, please contact Lisa James, IHS/Tribal 638 Section Supervisor, at (406) 444-5778 or by email at or by email at [Lisa.James@mt.gov](mailto:Lisa.James@mt.gov) or Lesa Evers, Tribal Relations Manager, at (406) 444-1813 [levers@mt.gov](mailto:levers@mt.gov). Stay safe and well.

Respectfully,

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State Medicaid Director

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