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September 22, 2021

Ms. Stephanie A. Bryan
Tribal Chair and CEO
Poarch Band of Creek Indians
5811 Jack Springs Road
Atmore, Alabama 36502

Re: Tribal Consultation for Proposed Renewal of Section 1115 Demonstration-Additional Public Hearing Dates

Dear Ms. Bryan:

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 to notify the tribe of the Alabama Medicaid Agency's (Alabama Medicaid) intent to renew the Family Planning Section §1115 Demonstration Waiver which governs the provision of family planning services under the Plan First Program. The proposed effective dates for the Waiver extension are October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2027. 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. Alabama Medicaid does not anticipate a change in expenditures due to this Demonstration extension request.

A copy of the public notice has been included for your reference. Digital copies of these and additional documents can be found on Alabama Medicaid's website at the following link:

http://www.medicaid.alabama.gov/content/4.0_Programs/4.2_Medical_Services/4.2.4_Family_Planning.aspx.

Written comments concerning the §1115 Demonstration Waiver will be accepted. The Agency opened a public comment period on July 30, 2021 with comments due on August 30, 2021. The Agency has extended the comment submission date to Monday, November 1, 2021 at 5PM (CST). Send comments to the following e-mail address: bakeba.raines@medicaid.alabama.gov or mail to Bakeba Raines, Director, Managed Care Operations Division, Alabama Medicaid Agency, 501 Dexter Avenue, Montgomery, Alabama 36103-5624. Comments can also be submitted via email to PublicComment@Medicaid.Alabama.gov or mailed to Administrative Secretary, Alabama Medicaid Agency, 501 Dexter Avenue, P.O. Box 5624, Montgomery, Alabama 36103-5624.

In addition to the 30-day public comment period, Alabama Medicaid will also host two additional 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:

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Date	Time	To Join Online	To Join by Phone
Tuesday, October 5, 2021	12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	https://al.gov.webex.com/algov/j.php?MTID=m3574da5a54a1a26b18a3c7ae91e30c4e Meeting number (access code): 1776 35 4888 Meeting password: Medicaid1	Dial: 1-415-655-0001 (US Toll) Access Code: 1776 35 4888 Attendee number: enter #
Thursday, October 7, 2021	4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	https://al.gov.webex.com/algov/j.php?MTID=me8f59784b1e03abd0334b4a79e1113ae Meeting number (access code): 1778 05 0502 Meeting password: Medicaid1	Dial: 1-415-655-0001 (US Toll) Access Code: 1778 05 0502 Attendee number: enter #

Medicaid will be presenting on the renewal at the public hearings. The public hearings will be similar to the public hearings held on August 18, 2021 and August 25, 2021.

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, Alabama Medicaid will consider all 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) 242-5630.

Sincerely,



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 Director
 Managed Care Operations Division
 Alabama Medicaid Agency

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