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Dear Tribal Health Leaders

The Department of Health and Social Services (the department) offers the following update to the tribal consultation letter dated July 1, 2019, advising tribal leaders of a proposed future state plan amendment (SPA) intended to remove adult enhanced dental services from the Medicaid state plan.

As discussed during the in-person consultation meeting on July 24, 2019, the department is correcting its prior statements regarding the denture services benefit. The department is not including any revisions to this benefit in the proposed SPA.

Additionally, as tribal leaders may recently have become aware via news reports, the department extended the termination of adult enhanced dental benefits from the original date of July 1, 2019, to October 1, 2019.

The change in the requested effective date means the proposed SPA, and the associated revision to the alternative benefit plan, will be submitted to CMS between October 1, 2019, and December 31, 2019.

Sincerely,

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