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Tom Betlach
Director
Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System
801 East Jefferson Street
Phoenix, AZ 85034

Dear Mr. Betlach:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning your request to exempt services received at Indian Health Services (IHS) and 638 facilities from recent benefit reductions. We recognize the considerable fiscal strain that Arizona is facing, and understand that the State must make hard decisions regarding its Medicaid program in order to address its current fiscal challenges. In response to your letter, we are currently reviewing our policy on the Federal medical assistance percent (FMAP) that State's can claim for services rendered to non-American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) individuals at Indian Health Services (IHS) or 638 facilities. We will, of course, get back to you as soon as we have concluded our review.

If you have additional questions, please contact Victoria Wachino, Director, Family and Children's Health Programs Group, Center for Medicaid, CHIP and Survey & Certification, at (410) 786-5647. Thank you again for your letter and your commitment to Arizona's Medicaid beneficiaries.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cindy Mann". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Cindy Mann
Director

cc: Victoria Wachino, CMCS
Gloria Nagle, Associate Regional Administrator, Region IX
Cynthia Gillaspie, CMCHO
Jessica Schubel, CMCS