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**Michael L. Parson**  
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June 13, 2018

**PROVIDER**  
**ADDRESS**  
**CITY, STATE ZIP**

**Re: Extended Women’s Health Services reimbursements – ACTION REQUIRED**

Dear Provider:

This letter is being sent to your attention because you have been identified as an authorized representative for **PROVIDER**, which may be a provider of Extended Women’s Health Services (EWHS).

EWHS are billed to MO HealthNet for Medicaid participants with a Medicaid eligibility code 80/89. EWHS include services “for family planning and family planning-related services, pregnancy testing, sexually transmitted disease testing and treatment, including pap tests and pelvic exams, and follow-up services” for “uninsured women who are at least eighteen (18) to fifty-five (55) years of age with a family Modified Adjusted Gross Income for the household size that does not exceed two hundred and one percent (201%) of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and who is a legal resident of the state[.]” Section 10.720, House Bill 10, 99<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, Second Regular Session.

Effective July 1, 2018, pursuant to House Bill 10,<sup>1</sup> the following provisions apply to reimbursements for EWHS:

- None of the funds “shall be expended on any program that performs abortions or that counsels women to have an abortion other than the exceptions required by federal law.” Section 10.1005.
- None of the funds “shall be expended to any abortion facility as defined in Section 188.015, RSMo, or any affiliate or associate thereof.” Section 10.1100.
- None of the funds “may be paid, granted to, or expended to directly or indirectly fund procedures or administrative functions of an abortion facility or an abortion as defined in Section 188.015, RSMo, or abortion services as defined in Section 170.015, RSMo.” Section 10.720. Section 188.015, RSMo, defines an abortion facility as “a clinic, physician’s office, or any other place or facility in which abortions are performed or induced other than a hospital.” Section 170.015,

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<sup>1</sup> House Bill 10 is awaiting Governor Parson’s review and signature. To help ensure continuity of EWHS services and reimbursements, DHSS is making necessary preparations now to ensure implementation of House Bill 10 on its effective date of July 1, 2018.

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RSMo, defines “abortion services” as:

- (a) Performing, inducing, or assisting in the performance or inducing of an abortion which is not necessary to save the life of the mother;
- (b) Encouraging a patient to have an abortion or referring a patient for an abortion, which is not necessary to save the life of the mother; or
- (c) Developing or dispensing drugs, chemicals, or devices intended to be used to induce an abortion which is not necessary to save the life of the mother.

“Referring” does not include providing comprehensive, factual information regarding options, so long as the information is provided for all of the options and in a neutral manner. Referring does not include providing contact information, so long as the contact information is provided for all of the options and in a neutral manner. Other actions, such as assisting with making an appointment or assisting with transportation constitute “referring.” Use this definition of “referring when completing the declaration discussed below.

Your organization has been identified as one that has previously billed for EWHS (Medicaid eligibility code 80/89). For your organization to continue receiving reimbursement for EWHS, it must be in compliance with the provisions of House Bill 10 discussed above, and you must complete the attached declaration to that effect and return it to the Missouri Medicaid Audit and Compliance unit (MMAC). Your organization may have submitted an attestation to MMAC in 2017. However, your organization must complete a new declaration to MMAC for the period beginning July 1, 2018.

**EWHS claims submitted by your organization will be suspended until MMAC receives the new, completed declaration (attached). If the declaration is not received by MMAC by July 1, 2018, your organization’s EWHS claims may be denied.**

After your organization’s declaration is submitted, if a change occurs that affects your organization’s declaration status (i.e., compliance with House Bill 10 provisions discussed in this letter), you must immediately inform MMAC in writing using the contact information on the declaration form.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (573) 526-0219.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melinda Laughlin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Melinda Laughlin, RN, BSN