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Dear Administrator:

The Department of Health is undertaking a review of providers who have requested and received approval for a suspension of the Medicaid payment lag. The purpose of the suspension was to help providers with short term cash flow relief and thus was considered a temporary solution with the intent of returning providers back to the Medicaid cycle lag.

The Department plans to effectuate the return to a Medicaid payment lag over two months. Under the current schedule, providers are expected to receive five checks in January and four checks in February. The proposed schedule would result in four checks being released in January and three checks in February. This change will start with **cycle 2162** and end with **cycle 2165**.

| Cycle # | Check Date | Current Check Release Date | Proposed Check Release Date |
|---------|------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2161 | 1/21/2019 | 1/23/2019 | 1/23/2019 |
| 2162 | 1/28/2019 | 1/30/2019 | 2/6/2019 |
| 2163 | 2/4/2019 | 2/6/2019 | 2/13/2019 |
| 2164 | 2/11/2019 | 2/13/2019 | 2/20/2019 |
| 2165 | 2/18/2019 | 2/20/2019 | 3/6/2019 |
| 2166 | 2/25/2019 | 2/27/2019 | 3/13/2019 |
| 2167 | 3/4/2019 | 3/6/2019 | 3/20/2019 |

If you can provide strong justification to continue the Medicaid payment lag suspension please submit all appropriate documentation as outlined in Attachment 1 to lag@health.ny.gov with the subject line 'Medicaid Payment Lag Suspension Justification' by **January 14, 2019**. Requests will be reviewed and if approved, your facility will remain off the Medicaid payment lag for the time period approved in the request. If denied, you will be notified and your facility will be put back on the Medicaid payment lag as described above.

If you have any questions concerning the Medicaid payment lag review process, please send an email to lag@health.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

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Attachment