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Dear Administrator:

Note: this notification only applies to providers and Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) that are currently approved for suspension of the Medicaid payment lag.

Per the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Enacted Medicaid Budget, the Department of Health (DOH) has reviewed the list 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 accommodation with the intent of returning providers back to the Medicaid cycle lag. The DOH previously afforded providers and MCOs the opportunity to continue to remain off the lag.

This letter is to notify you that the DOH will now proceed with returning providers to the Medicaid Payment Lag in accordance with the schedule below. The DOH will effectuate the return to a Medicaid payment lag over two months. Under the current schedule, providers are expected to receive four checks in June 2021 and four checks in July 2021. The new schedule would result in three checks being released in both months rather than four. This change will start with **cycle 2286** and end with **cycle 2290**.

Cycle #	Check Date	Current Check Release Date	Proposed Check Release Date
2285	6/7/2021	6/9/2021	6/9/2021
2286	6/14/2021	6/16/2021	6/23/2021
2287	6/21/2021	6/23/2021	6/30/2021
2288	6/28/2021	6/30/2021	7/7/2021
2289	7/5/2021	7/7/2021	7/21/2021
2290	7/12/2021	7/14/2021	7/28/2021
2291	7/19/2021	7/21/2021	8/4/2021
2292	7/26/2021	7/28/2021	8/11/2021

If you have any questions, please send an email to lag@health.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

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