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Dear Provider of DMHAS Contracted Mental Health Services:

This letter serves as a follow-up to my May 23, 2016 communication on the topic of the choice offered to mental health contracted providers to convert mental health contracted services to Fee-for-Service (FFS) 1/1/17, or defer the conversion to 7/1/17. Please recall that agency services cannot be unbundled. A provider cannot transition some services and not others. All must move to FFS at the same time.

After further review of the tasks and time-frames related to the conversion schedule, we find it necessary to request that you provide us with your decision to transition contracted services to FFS 1/1/17, or defer the conversion until 7/1/17, by **August 15, 2016**. This will enable sufficient time for providers who elect to transition 1/1/17 to participate in testing and training in the use of the new web-based payment processing application to ensure adequate preparation and familiarity with the new system.

As you may be aware, Molina will be functioning as the payment agent to process payments for state-approved services in the FFS system. As such, payments will be issued under one of the Medicaid numbers currently assigned to your organization. We ask that you indicate which Medicaid number you would like to use for purposes of issuing payments in the FFS system when you communicate your decision regarding the date of transition. The number chosen has no impact upon any other payments; we offer providers the opportunity to select the number for your own ease of tracking payments.

For those providers who have already communicated their decision, we appreciate your response. Please follow-up with an e-mail to your contract administrator by August 15, 2016 indicating the Medicaid number you wish to use for billing purposes.

If your organization currently contracts for one or more services which are transitioning to FFS, please provide your written communication regarding which date you elect to transition these services to your contract administrator and program analyst(s) no later than August 15, 2016. If we do not have your response by that time, January 1, 2017 will be the default date for your organization's conversion to fee for service.