



To: Medicaid Providers

**From: Tricia Roddy, Assistant Medicaid Director
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Re: Revision to Secretary Neall's Public Notice regarding Provider Medicaid Timeframe to Request a Participant Fair Hearing and File Provider Appeals Extensions

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NOTE: Please inform appropriate staff members in your organization of the contents of this memorandum

On August 14, 2020, Secretary of Health Robert Neall issued an amendment to the Public Notice originally issued on March 24, 2020, regarding the timeframe for [Participant Fair Hearing and File Provider Appeals Extensions](#). This amendment impacts the timeframe within which providers must file an appeal of a Department action.

Under the original Public Notice, the Maryland Department of Health ("the Department") extended the timeframe for requests by Medical Assistance providers to file appeals under COMAR 10.09.36.09 until 30 days after the end of the Maryland state of emergency due to COVID-19. The extension previously granted is being discontinued effective September 1, 2020 in light of the Department's determination that an indefinite extension for filing of appeals is no longer appropriate or necessary. The COVID-19 pandemic may continue for some time and providers have not experienced substantial challenges submitting claims.

Effective September 1, 2020, providers will have 30 days to file an appeal consistent with the requirements of COMAR 10.09.36.09.

Any appeals that were not filed between March 12, 2020 and the date of the revised Public Notice issued on August 14, 2020, must be filed on or before September 18, 2020.