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Dear Provider:

By now, reductions in the Wyoming State government budget should be no surprise in light of the State's declining revenue situation.

Governor Dave Freudenthal has announced that the Wyoming Department of Health's budget for the coming fiscal year would be reduced by about \$43 million dollars, which is approximately 10 percent of our total general fund budget. In preparing our slate of potential budget reductions as requested by the Governor, we looked for improved efficiency where we could while maintaining the critical services we provide for Wyoming residents.

Roughly 90 percent of the Department's budget is dedicated to direct patient care through the EqualityCare (Medicaid) Program, our five state healthcare facilities, mental health services and other similar activities.

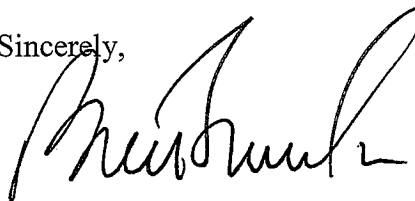
Because we rely on healthcare provider partners such as you to provide the majority of this care for Wyoming's residents, the reduction of our budget affects you as well.

We remain committed to maintaining access to quality medical and dental care for those in our state who need help. Be assured that we carefully analyzed our recommendations in the hope of minimizing the impacts to our clients and to Wyoming's healthcare providers. These budget reductions are unfortunate, but are also unavoidable at this time.

Please communicate with your regular contact at the Wyoming Department of Health if you have questions about provider reimbursement rates.

Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,





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