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Dear Provider,

Good news: Health and Human Services Secretary Azar has [formally extended the Public Health Emergency \(PHE\)](#). The PHE can be extended for up to 90 days at a time. This extension starts January 21, 2021, and would end, unless extended again, on April 20, 2021. Updates will be published via the [Public Health Emergency Planning web page](#).

The PHE designation is important as it allows the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (the Department) to extend continuous coverage, maintenance of effort (MOE), and other helpful policies and waivers approved by the federal government. It also provides additional additional federal funding, which is critical during this economic downturn.

Thank you for your continued partnership in serving our growing membership during this incredibly difficult chapter.

Thank you,

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