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THIS LETTER SENT VIA EMAIL

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**WITHDRAWAL OF STATE PLAN AMENDMENT 23-0023: AUGMENTATION
PAYMENTS FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL AIR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

Dear Mr. Scott:

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is formally withdrawing State Plan Amendment (SPA) 23-0023.

SPA 23-0023 proposed to continue augmentation payments for Medi-Cal Fee-For-Service emergency medical air transportation services from July 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, in accordance with the provisions of the Emergency Medical Air Transportation Act (EMATA). (Gov. Code § 76000.10)

DHCS is authorized to make EMATA augmentation payments for eligible emergency medical air transportation services to the extent funds in the Emergency Medical Air Transportation and Children's Coverage (EMATCC) fund are available. DHCS made its last augmentation payments in December 2023, for dates of service between January 2023 and June 2023. As of January 2024, the EMATCC fund no longer has sufficient funds to make any further supplemental payments.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Alek Klimek, Assistant Deputy Director, Health Care Financing, by email at Alek.Klimek@dhcs.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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