**DRAFT text for an “Advance Notice of Rulemaking” for N.J.A.C. 10:54. This notice advises the public that the DMAHS intends to take the following rulemaking actions:**

1. **Readopt N.J.A.C. 10:54, Physician Services, without change via a “Notice of Readoption Without Change” for the purpose of avoiding the expiration of the rules; and**
2. **Publish a separate proposed rulemaking containing extensive amendments to N.J.A.C. 10:54, Physician Services, subsequent to the above notice to bring the manual up to date.**

**The Notice will be sent to the DMAHS electronic mailing list, posted in all county offices, sent to the Statehouse Press, and posted on the DHS/DMAHS websites.**

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To whom it may concern:

This notice provides you and your organization with advance notice that the New Jersey Department of Human Services will be readopting N.J.A.C. 10:54, Physician Services, by filing a Notice of Readoption Without Change with the Office of Administrative Law prior to its expiration date of June 5, 2019 to avoid the expiration of these rules.

The Physician Services rules are necessary to regulate fee-for-service reimbursement to providers of physician services under the Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service programs.

This notice also provides you and your organization with advance notice that, after N.J.A.C. 10:54 has been Readopted Without Change, the New Jersey Department of Human Services intends to propose amendments to N.J.A.C. 10:54, Physician Services.

The anticipated amendments may include substantive and technical amendments to the chapter to either implement, or memorialize compliance with, the provisions of federal and state regulatory requirements, including but not limited to, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA).

Additional technical amendments designed to update contact information of any program, agency, or other resource provided in the chapter; correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation; improve the organization of the chapter, correct codification errors and/or cross-references; eliminate unnecessary, duplicative, and superseded text; and clarify existing program rules will also be included in the proposed rulemaking.

This notice provides you with an opportunity to submit informal comments both on the Notice of Readoption of N.J.A.C. 10:54, and/or the above described anticipated amendments to the chapter, by (*insert date 30 days from publication of this notice)*. There will be an opportunity for the submission of formal comments on the proposed amendments to N.J.A.C. 10:54 when that proposed rulemaking is published.

Please submit any comments that you have regarding this advance notice of the upcoming proposal to readopt N.J.A.C. 10:54 or any comments on the upcoming proposed amendments to N.J.A.C. 10:54, to:

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