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Concerned Taxpayer

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(Insert Directors Name)
Director of Medicaid
(Insert Address of main office)

Re: Recommendation to End Medicaid Funding for Non-Medically Necessary Infant Circumcision

Dear Director XXXXX,

I am writing to respectfully urge your office to reconsider and ultimately end Medicaid funding for routine, non-medically necessary male circumcision. With the Trump administration's renewed push for federal Medicaid budget reductions, it is incumbent upon state agencies to ensure that every taxpayer dollar is allocated to services of demonstrable medical value, cost-effectiveness, and ethical necessity.

Fiscal and Policy Considerations

Circumcision performed in the absence of a medical indication is an elective procedure that provides no immediate health benefit in infancy and, by most clinical standards, does not meet the Medicaid requirement of "medical necessity." Continuing to reimburse such procedures diverts critical funding away from essential medical care, including maternal health, preventative screenings, behavioral health, and other underfunded services. With state Medicaid programs already under immense fiscal pressure, preserving funding for discretionary procedures is neither sustainable nor justifiable.

As of 2025, 17 states have defunded elective circumcision from their Medicaid programs without documented adverse public health outcomes. These states have collectively saved millions in public health spending while reinforcing a standard of care that prioritizes medically necessary interventions. There is no federal mandate requiring circumcision coverage, and discontinuation does not violate EPSDT (Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment) requirements when medical necessity is not present.

Ethical and Legal Alignment

The continuation of routine infant circumcision as a Medicaid-funded benefit raises serious ethical concerns. Performing irreversible genital surgery on non-consenting infants for non-medical reasons contradicts fundamental bioethical principles, including respect for bodily autonomy and the right to an open future. Public healthcare systems should not endorse or subsidize interventions that are, by nature, irreversible and elective.

Additionally, maintaining coverage for cultural or religious reasons could contravene federal prohibitions against using Medicaid funds for procedures that are not uniformly medically necessary. Medicaid is not designed to subsidize elective surgeries based on tradition or custom. In times of constrained resources, the imperative to uphold clinical objectivity becomes even stronger.

Request for Consideration and Feedback

In light of these fiscal, legal, and ethical considerations—and the potential for substantial cost savings—I respectfully request that your office evaluate whether your state will consider eliminating Medicaid funding for non-medically indicated circumcision. Additionally, I would appreciate any feedback on whether your department is considering related reforms or policy actions on this issue.

Your response will assist advocacy and policy stakeholders in better understanding the direction your agency may take as Medicaid programs nationwide adapt to tightening budgets and evolving public expectations for health equity and accountability.

Thank you for your time, attention, and ongoing commitment to responsible and ethical healthcare administration. I am happy to provide further information or supporting documentation upon request.

Yours sincerely,

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