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MEMORANDUM

To: Maryland Medicaid Hospice Providers

From: Marc A. Blowe, Chief, Division of Community Long Term Care

Subject: Maryland Medicaid Hospice Program Rates for Fiscal Year 2011

Date: October 29, 2010

Attached is a chart detailing Maryland Medicaid's hospice rates effective October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011. The rates are based on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) fiscal year 2011 hospice payment rates and wage index information. Please distribute the chart to the staff in your organization responsible for billing Maryland Medicaid for hospice services provided to Medicaid recipients. A mass adjustment will be initiated for providers who have been reimbursed for services rendered on or after October 1, 2010.

Please note, Maryland Medicaid establishes regions based on Core-Based Statistical Areas (CBSA) developed by the federal government. Region 03 the Salisbury Urban Area has been amended and includes only two counties: Somerset and Wicomico. To establish rates for services rendered in Caroline, Dorchester, Garrett, Kent, St. Mary's Talbot, and Worcester counties Maryland Medicaid has created a new Region 08. Providers who are authorized to render services in Region 08 counties have been issued a provider number with an effective date of October 1, 2010.

As you are aware, §1814(i)(2)(B) of the Social Security Act provides for an annual increase in the hospice cap amount. The hospice cap runs from November 1st of each year through October 31st of the following year. To date the fiscal year 2011 cap has not been published. Documentation regarding the hospice cap and wage index may be found on the CMS website at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/center/hospice.asp>.

If you have questions about this memorandum, please call the Division of Community Long Term Care at (410) 767-1444 or 1-877- 4MD-DHMH extension 1444.

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