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TO: Iowa Medicaid Physicians

ISSUED BY: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Increased Medicaid Payment for Primary Care-Retroactive Adjustments

EFFECTIVE: January 1, 2013

In November 2012, the IME announced the implementation of a provision of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) that supports increased payments to certain primary care physicians (PCP) for specified primary care services ([Informational Letter 1194](#)). To qualify, the physician is required to self-attest to their qualification. Consistent with direction from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the IME allowed providers attesting as eligible through April 1, 2013, to be paid for claims with dates of service going back to January 1, 2013.

On June 12, 2013, the IME implemented the increase for all claims processed effective on or after that date for all applicable **new** claims as they were received. In an updated letter in June 2013, ([Informational Letter 1251](#)), the IME advised that we were also in the process of re-settling (adjusting) all eligible **previously paid** claims that had not yet received the increase. The IME anticipated that all adjustments would be completed before the end of August 2013. However, the completion of some adjustments has been delayed. **All remaining PCP adjustments are now expected to be completed on or before the end of September 2013.** We apologize for any inconvenience. Providers may submit adjustments on their own should they choose not to wait for the IME to complete this process.

If you have any questions, please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909, locally in Des Moines at 515-256-4609 or email at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.