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INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO.1053

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TO: Iowa Medicaid Hospitals Not Enrolled With Iowa Care

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

RE: Changes in Limited Emergent Hospital Coverage for IowaCare Members

EFFECTIVE: August 1, 2011

Informational Letter No. 947 dated October 1, 2010, announced the appropriation of limited funding for emergency hospital services for IowaCare members, when services are rendered by a hospital located and licensed in Iowa that is not participating in the IowaCare program, but is otherwise enrolled with Iowa Medicaid. The funding is for inpatient hospital charges only and does not cover physician or other practitioner charges. Reimbursement for these services will end when the funding is exhausted.

Effective August 1, 2011, non IowaCare enrolled hospitals are no longer required to consult with the applicable IowaCare hospital to secure an agreement or provide documentation supporting collaboration with the IowaCare hospital that conditions for payment are met.

All other conditions for payment outlined in Informational Letter No. 947 continue to apply.

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.