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INFORMATIONAL LETTER 798

DATE: April 22, 2009

TO: Local Education Agency and Early Access Service Coordinator Providers

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise

RE: Change in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP)

The Economic Stimulus Plan included a provision to increase the FMAP rate for Medicaid services by 6.2%. The Stimulus Plan includes not only a prospective increase but also a retroactive period.

The IME plans to issue credits for the retroactive period of October 2008. Credits will be issued for the difference in the amount billed based on the rate in effect at the time the original billings were produced and the increased rate. The adjustment will appear on the invoice received by providers similar to other adjustments.

The increased FMAP was included on the March billings for Medicaid Services that were mailed to providers during the first week of April. The IME anticipates including the credits for the retroactive portion of the rate increase for these billings in the April billing that is mailed during the first week of May.

If you have any questions, please contact IME Provider Services, 1-800-338-7909, locally 515-725-1004 or by e-mail at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.