

June 24, 2013

John McCarthy, Medicaid Director
Office of Medical Assistance
P.O. Box 182709
50 West Town Street, Suite 400
Columbus, Ohio 43218

RE: TN 13-006

Dear Mr. McCarthy:

Enclosed for your records is an approved copy of the following State Plan Amendment:

Transmittal #13-006 Implementation of the ACA section 1202 payment increase for certain primary care physicians, effective, January 1, 2013.

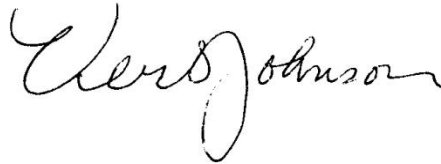
In reviewing your attestation form, we noted that it is not clear that physicians will be aware that attestation is a two-step process. A physician first attests to having a primary specialty designation of internal medicine, pediatric medicine or family medicine. This first attestation indicates that the physician considers himself or herself to be a primary care provider. The second step supports the attestation with evidence of Board certification or an appropriate claims history. Your form does not require the physician to make the first attestation, therefore we ask that you make physicians aware that eligibility is not established simply on the basis of claims history or Board certification, but more importantly, on the physician's assertion that they are, indeed, a primary care provider.

As we are working in partnership to implement this important provision, we would greatly appreciate if you can inform us when your state begins to pay the increased rates to your providers. Additionally, to the extent you have information regarding the number of providers receiving the enhanced payments, we would appreciate that information as well.

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Please contact Christine Davidson, of my staff, at (312) 886-3642 or christine.davidson@cms.hhs.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Verlon Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "V".

Verlon Johnson
Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

Enclosure

cc: Debbie Saxe, ODJFS
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