



## DMAP Provider Alert

### Attention All Providers

The State of Delaware is facing unprecedented economic challenges. Despite the influx of a significant amount of federal funds as a result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, forecasted revenues for state fiscal years 2009 and 2010 still fall short of sustaining current state spending levels. For this reason, the Governor introduced a revised Recommended Budget.

Delaware's Constitution requires that budgeted spending not exceed 98% of projected revenues for any fiscal year. To balance FY09 and FY10 budgets, agency spending must be reduced, including spending for medical assistance programs, such as Medicaid and CHIP. Accordingly, certain providers' Delaware medical assistance program rates will be changed effective April 1, 2009.

- **Inpatient hospital**—Effective for DOS 4/01/09 and after, general acute care hospitals will be paid using discharge rates in effect on 12/31/08 until further notice.
- **Outpatient hospital**—Effective for DOS 4/01/09 and after, services that are paid based on a hospital specific fee schedule will be set at rates that were in effect on 12/31/08 until further notice; those services based on the percent of charges paid to each hospital shall be reduced by an amount for each hospital that will result in a net aggregate reduction in projected payments of 3% until further notice.
- **Private Nursing Home**—Effective for DOS 4/01/09 and after, rate levels will be set at rates in effect on 12/31/08 until further notice.
- **Private ICF/MR**—Effective for DOS 4/01/09 and after, rate levels will be set at rates in effect on 12/31/08 until further notice.
- **Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care**—Effective for DOS 4/01/09 and after, rate levels will be set at rates in effect on 12/31/08 until further notice.
- **Pediatric Nursing Facility**—Effective for DOS 4/01/09 and after, rate levels will be set at rates in effect on 12/31/08 until further notice.
- **Ambulatory Surgical Centers**—Effective for DOS 4/01/09 and after, rates for ambulatory surgical centers shall be set at 95% of the Medicare rate until further notice.
- **Dental**—Effective for DOS 4/01/09 and after, for dental claims reimbursed as a percent of charges, rates shall be set at 80% of charges until further notice.
- **Dialysis Centers**—Effective for DOS 4/01/09 and after, rates used to pay dialysis centers shall be set at 85% of charges until further notice.
- **Physician, lab, and outpatient radiology**—Effective for claims paid on or after 4/01/09, for claims that are based on the Medicare rate, rates shall be set at 98% of the Medicare rate until further notice.
- **Community Pharmacies**—Effective for DOS 4/01/09 and after, claims for drug ingredient costs reimbursed based on a percentage of the Average Wholesale Price, the drug ingredient rates will be based on AWP minus 16% until further notice.
- **Non-traditional Pharmacies**—Effective for DOS 4/01/09 and after, claims for drug ingredient costs reimbursed based on a percentage of the Average Wholesale Price, the drug ingredient rates will be based on AWP minus 18% until further notice.

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