

July 1, 2002

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MONTANA MEDICAID NOTICE

The 2.6% reimbursement reduction scheduled to end 6/30/02 will be extended through FY2003 for the provider types listed above. However, the methodology which reduced net pay reimbursement by 2.6% (1/1/02 to 6/30/02) will be replaced by new fees, lowered by 2.6%, effective July 1, 2002.

In addition, the rate increases for RBRVS providers, dental providers, ambulance providers and hospitals which were scheduled to go into effect 7/1/02 will be withheld.

These measures are part of the Department's 3.5% cost reduction plan developed at the direction of the Governor's Office in connection with the anticipated state surplus falling below a stipulated level according to 17-7-140 MCA.

Updated fee schedules incorporating the new rates will be available on the Department's web site at <http://www.dphhs.state.mt.us/hpsd/medicaid> or by request from ACS (call (800) 624-3958 in state or (406) 442-1837 out of state and Helena), beginning in mid-July.

The proposed emergency rule addressing these changes can be found on the Department's web site at <http://www.dphhs.state.mt.us>. Choose "Legal".

If you have questions, please call your Medicaid program officer at DPHHS.