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Montana Health Care Programs Notice

All Providers

Request: Claims Submission, Date of Payment by June 30, 2011

Montana Medicaid seeks to maximize federal matching funds to the greatest extent possible and requests providers' assistance in submitting outstanding claims to be paid by June 30, 2011. The Department will receive federal matching funds at a higher rate for Medicaid claims paid on or before June 30, 2011. After June 30, 2011, Montana Medicaid's federal matching rate will return to a lower rate.

Public Law 111-226 extended Section 5001 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), which provided additional federal funding for states in the form of a temporary increase in the funds the federal government contributes toward Medicaid programs. The investment helped protect people whose eligibility for Medicaid might otherwise have been at risk if state budget shortfalls resulted in Medicaid cutbacks. Increased federal matching funds end June 30, 2011.

Please submit as many outstanding claims as possible in order for claims to be processed for payment on or before June 30, 2011. Thank you for helping Montana Medicaid maximize federal matching funds.

Contact Information

For claims questions or additional information, contact Provider Relations:

Provider Relations toll-free in- and out-of-state: 1-800-624-3958

Helena: (406) 442-1837

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