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MEMORANDUM

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TO: All Medicaid Fee-For-Service (FFS) Providers

FROM: Kenneth S. Fink, MD, MGA, MPH
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SUBJECT: MEDICAID FEE SCHEDULE CHANGES

Effective July 1, 2009, the physician fee schedule for the Medicaid FFS program will revert to 60% of the 2006 Medicare rates as was in effect June 30, 2008.

State general funds had been appropriated to allow a temporary increase for the fiscal year July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. However as a result of the State's current fiscal situation, funds are not available to extend the increased reimbursement rates. The revised Medicaid fee schedule will be posted at www.med-quest.us.

The economy is affecting everyone, and the Department of Human Services (DHS) is trying to serve the increased number of Med-QUEST program recipients within its fiscal constraints. I understand that as providers, you face fiscal constraints as well, but I hope that you will continue to serve the vulnerable members of our community. Access to your care improves their quality of life.

Thank you for the service you have been providing to our clients, and for your ongoing care during these particularly challenging times. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Patti Bazin, the Health Care Services Branch Administrator, at pbazin@medicaid.dhs.state.hi.us or 808-692-8083, or myself at kfink@medicaid.dhs.state.hi.us or 808-692-8056.