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MEMO NO.
FFS M14-15A

MEMORANDUM

TO: Fee-For-Service Physicians

FROM: Leslie K. Tawata *PMB*
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SUBJECT: ENHANCED REIMBURSEMENT TO ELIGIBLE PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIANS
FOR CERTAIN PRIMARY CARE SERVICES

The Med-QUEST Division (MQD) is issuing this memorandum as an addendum to FFS M14-15 that was issued on December 31, 2014. MQD is issuing this memorandum to inform eligible primary care physicians (PCP) that MQD is extending enhanced reimbursement for certain primary care services. The methodology for covered codes, reimbursement rate, and eligible providers will be the same as has been in place since January 1, 2013 under Section 1202 of the Affordable Care Act.

The MQD received funding to maintain the higher reimbursement levels for an additional fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. The MQD will work internally and with stakeholders to develop a revised methodology for enhancing reimbursement for eligible providers. While we undergo the development of this methodology, MQD will maintain the current process that has been in effect since January 1, 2013.

The new methodology includes expanding eligibility to other important Medicaid providers including psychiatrists, neurologists, obstetrician-gynecologists, and advanced practice registered nurses, and to services provided to children covered under the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

Physicians who have already self-attested and have been receiving the increased payments will continue to be eligible. For more information on the MQD PCP reimbursement enhancement or the self-attestation process, please refer to the MQD website link, www.med-quest.us/providers/PrimaryCarePhysician.html.

If you have questions, please contact Dr. Curtis Toma by phone at 692-8106 or by email at ctoma@medicaid.dhs.state.hi.us.

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