OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF FAMILY AND SOCIAL SERVICES OFFICE OF MEDICAID POLICY AND PLANNING

Public Notice Regarding Changes in Statewide Methods and Standards for Medicaid Payments for Home Health Agencies

In accordance with the public notice requirements of 42 CFR 447.205, the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (IFSSA), Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP) publishes this notice of proposed changes to the reimbursement methodology for Medicaid services provided by enrolled home health agencies.

The OMPP proposes to continue the five percent (5%) reduction that is currently set to expire on June 30, 2013, for rates paid to home health agencies under the Medicaid state plan and state regulations at 405 IAC 1-4.2, as amended by LSA Document #11-381(E), posted at 20110629-IR-405110381ERA.

This change in reimbursement is necessary in order to remain within the available Medicaid appropriation. It is estimated that the fiscal impact of these changes will be an approximate savings of state and federal expenditures of \$16.5 million for SFY 2014 and \$19.3 million for SFY 2015.

A copy of this notice is now on file at the Indiana Government Center South, 402 West Washington Street, Room W451, Indianapolis, Indiana and open for public inspection. Also, a copy of this notice is now available and may be inspected by contacting the local county division of family resources office, except in Marion County, where public inspection may be made at 402 West Washington Street, Room W374, Indianapolis, Indiana.

There will be no public hearing. Written comments may be directed to IFSSA, Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning, Attention: Susan Hartman, 402 West Washington Street, Room W374, MS07, Indianapolis, IN 46207-7083. Correspondence should be identified in the following manner: "COMMENT RE: NOTICE REGARDING EXTENSION OF MEDICAID PAYMENT RATE REDUCTIONS FOR HOME HEALTH AGENCIES". Written comments will be made available for public inspection at the address herein of the OMPP.

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