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To: Nursing Facility Providers and the Idaho Healthcare Association

From: Leslie M. Clement, Administrator 

Subject: **House Bill 708 & 701 Price Freeze – Nursing Facilities**

Effective July 1, 2010, reimbursement for nursing facilities will change by removing the inflation index adjustment, re-establishing special rate payment offset clarification, and removing the efficiency incentives.

These changes in reimbursement rates are being implemented to comply with the following laws passed by the 2010 legislature:

- HB701 §12 requiring the Department of Health and Welfare, Division of Medicaid to freeze all price increases unless mandated by federal law and appropriated for the Medicaid program
- HB701 §14¶2 requiring the Department of Health and Welfare to make pricing modifications by adjusting rates that have, in the past, been determined to be overpaid within a Medicaid service category
- HB708 §2 amending Idaho Code § 56-102(6) &(9) to remove provisions regarding incentive payments

If you have additional questions about the change for nursing facilities inflation, please contact the Senior Financial Specialist for the Office of Reimbursement in the Division of Medicaid at (208) 364-1994.

Thank you for your participation in Medicaid.

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