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To: Chiropractors, Optometrists, and Podiatrists
From: Paul J. Leary, Administrator
Subject: Co-payments

The 2011 Idaho Legislature, through House Bill 260, has directed Idaho Medicaid to require participants to share in the cost of their health coverage by using co-payments (co-pays). This means you can charge certain Medicaid participants a co-pay when they get services from you.

Beginning November 1, 2011, when you check a participant's eligibility by using the www.idmedicaid.com website, by dialing 1 (866) 686-4272 for telephonic eligibility information, or electronically through a 270/271 transaction, the response will contain information about whether or not the participant is subject to co-pay requirements. The response will return a "co-pay" indicator of either "exempt" or "\$3.65". If the \$3.65 is indicated **and** Medicaid reimbursement for the visit (according to the Medicaid Fee Schedule) is \$36.50 or greater, you can charge the participant a co-pay.

If the participant is unable to make a co-pay you can:

- Bill the participant for the co-pay
- Refuse to provide services that day
- Waive the co-pay

If you choose to waive a co-pay for a participant, you must have a written office policy regarding when a waiver is used. Regardless of whether or not you charged or collected a co-pay, \$3.65 will be deducted from your reimbursement for claims where a co-pay could have been charged.

Beginning January 1, 2012, co-pays will also be applicable to physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, and all doctors' office visits.

If you have any questions regarding the implementation of co-pays, please contact Robin Pewtress in the Division of Medicaid at (208) 364-1892. If you have technical questions concerning the eligibility transaction, please call your local provider relations consultant (PRC) at Molina Medicaid Solutions.

Thank you for participating in the Idaho Medicaid Program.

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