



Office of
Medical Assistance

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TO: Eligible Medicaid Providers
Chief Executive Officers, Managed Care Plans
Directors, County Departments of Job and Family Services

FROM: John B. McCarthy, Director of Medical Assistance

SUBJECT: Primary Care Physician Rate Increase – Self Attestation Grace Period
EXTENSION

In accordance with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA), certain primary care physicians will soon be eligible to receive increased Medicaid payments for primary care services provided to Medicaid eligible individuals. The federal government will fully finance the difference between the state Medicaid payment rate and the current year Medicare rate during these two years.

As was initially communicated on December 21, 2012, physicians **MUST REQUEST** the reimbursement by self-attesting that they are an eligible provider by applying through the MITS portal on Ohio Medicaid's website. In order to register, applying physicians **MUST** have a current MITS account with an active login and PIN.

Based on the feedback we have received and the high volume of providers applying, the Office of Medical Assistance has decided to extend the registration grace period for a second time.

The grace period for self-attestation has been extended through February 2, 2013.

The effective date of approval will remain January 1, 2013 for any physicians self-attesting before or on February 2. For self-attestations received after February 2, 2013, the effective date of the increase will be the date of self-attestation. Verification of attestation is still set to begin in mid-January. Providers will receive an email stating whether they have been approved or denied for the reimbursement increase.

Physicians can access the MITS portal here:

<https://www.ohmits.com/prosecure/authtam/login?HOSTNAME=portal.ohmits.com>

Physicians who do not have a MITS account can sign up for one at:

<https://portal.ohmits.com/public/Providers/tabid/43/Default.aspx>

If additional assistance is needed regarding signing up for a MITS account, please call the Medicaid Provider Call Center at 1-800-686-1516.