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TO: Nebraska Medicaid Hospital Providers

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RE: Interim Payments for Hospital Inpatient Psychiatric Services

PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH ADMINISTRATIVE, CLINICAL AND BILLING STAFF.

The Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care continues development of the necessary computer changes to make payments to Medicaid hospital providers on a tiered methodology for all acute inpatient hospital psychiatric services. The payment system is in a testing phase. Pending completion of the testing process, the Division will be making an interim payment to all hospitals in Peer Group 4.

Providers should continue to submit claims as they do today and they will process using the pricing methodology in place at this time. Interim payments will be made on all hospital inpatient claims with a discharge date on or after October 1, 2009 received by the Division prior to November 1, 2009. Upon implementation of the computer system changes, all claims with a discharge date on or after October 1, 2009 will be adjusted on a claim-by-claim basis to the tiered payment system.

Questions regarding this bulletin or the inpatient psychiatric tiered payment system may be directed to Margaret Booth at 402-471-1611 or margaret.booth@nebraska.gov