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To All Interested Parties:

The Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error Fund (Mcare) has produced the 2017 Assessment Manual (Manual) with the goal of helping you better understand the assessment process and to prepare timely and accurate remittance advice forms. The prevailing primary premium specialty and territory classes have not changed from last year and the assessment percentage for 2017 is 19%. The Manual is arranged by topic so that it is a useful resource as you review how the relevant statutes and regulations may apply to a particular set of facts. You'll find it useful to read the Manual in its entirety before focusing on one particular set of facts as often more than one provision in the Manual impacts coming to the correct analysis.

However helpful you find the Manual to be, it does not supersede Pennsylvania laws and regulations. Also, while the Manual is comprehensive, it is not intended to be exhaustive or inclusive of all possible situations. Users of the Manual are encouraged to regularly access Mcare's website at www.insurance.pa.gov for current information about Mcare as well as its statutory and regulatory provisions. Any questions regarding how these provisions apply should be addressed to your Coverage Specialist if you are a remitting entity.

At Mcare, we continue to explore ways to better serve you. For example, in 2017 Mcare has discontinued "Exhibit 6A – HOSPITAL ROSTER for Hospitals". We anticipate this will save hundreds of hours across the Commonwealth for those who remit hospitals and other health care providers.

If you have any suggestions on how Mcare's service can be improved, I encourage you to email me at theo@pa.gov or call me at 717-783-7657 (direct).

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Theodore G. Otto, III".

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