



December 4, 2012

Name Address City, State and Zip

Dear Physician,

Beginning January 1, 2013, the Missouri Department of Social Services will implement the Federal mandate to increase payment for Primary Care Services to the Medicare rate. The increased payment is applicable to certain Physician specialties for Primary Care Evaluation & Management (E/M) codes 99201–99499 when providing primary care services. The increase is also applicable to services related to immunization administration for vaccines and toxoids, codes 90465-90468 and 90471-90474. To be eligible for increased payment for Primary Care services, you must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Provider must be Board Certified in family medicine, general internal medicine, and pediatric
 medicine or have a sub-specialty of family medicine, general internal medicine, and pediatric
 medicine as recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties; or
- If not board certified, at least sixty percent (60%) of the services billed by the physician for the calendar year of 2012 must be for primary care E/M codes or their successor codes and vaccine administration codes.

Per the direction from the Missouri Department of Social Services, Home State Health Plan must receive your attestation for you to be eligible for the increase. Providers have two options:

- 1. Complete the attached Certification and Attestation for Primary Rate Increase form and return it to Home State Health Plan.
- 2. Provide a copy of your state fee-for-service opt-in form to Home State Health Plan.

The effective date of increased payment will be the latter of January 1, 2013 or the date the complete Attestation Form is received by Home State Health Plan.

The completed Attestation Form (with a copy of your Board Certification, if applicable) should be returned via mail to the following address: Home State Health Plan 16090 Swingley Ridge Road, Suite 500 St. Louis, MO 63017; or via email at chhs_provider_roster@centene.com; or via fax to 888-898-

6608. Should you have any questions, please contact Mo HealthNet Division's Provider Education Unit at 573-751-6683 or Home State's Customer Service at 855-694-4663.

Sincerely,

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