



NO REDUCTION IN MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR HPM PARTICIPATING PROVIDERS!

On June 1, 2009 Michigan's Department of Community Health (DCH) released Bulletin **MSA 09-28** "Eliminating Certain Medicaid Benefits for Medicaid Beneficiaries age 21 and older, and Medicaid Provider Fee Reductions". This bulletin announced the reduction of the Michigan Medicaid Fee Screen for Medicaid providers and the removal of Chiropractic, Podiatry, Vision, Hearing Aid and Dental benefits for Medicaid beneficiaries 21 and over with the intent to help balance the budget for Fiscal Year 2009.

In these tough economic times with growing unemployment and an increasing Medicaid population, Health Plan of Michigan has decided not to pass the burden on to our contracted providers. **As your partner, HPM will continue paying in-network providers the unreduced Medicaid fee screen.**

HPM will reimburse out-of-network providers based on the prevailing Michigan Medicaid Fee Screen. Therefore, out of network Providers will incur the approximate 4% decrease in services rendered to our members.

For HPM members 21 and older, we will also continue to provide Chiropractic, Podiatry, Vision and Hearing Aid benefits. Dental services are not currently a covered benefit provided by HPM.

If you should have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Health Plan of Michigan's Provider Services Department at (888) 773-2647. Health Plan of Michigan will continue to review information for Fiscal Year 2010 (October 1, 2009) and will notify our providers of any developments or revisions as they are available. Thank you for your continued support and service.

Respectfully,

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