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 – Announcement of Self Attestation Grace Period

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 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. Providers can apply beginning on January 1, 2013.

Given what is likely to be a high volume of providers applying beginning January 1, 2013, the Office of Medical Assistance will allow a 14-day grace period for registration through the MITS portal. Verification of attestation will begin in mid-January. Providers will receive an email stating whether they have been approved or denied for the reimbursement increase. For physicians who self-attest on January 1, 2013 through January 13, 2013, the effective date of the approval will be January 1, 2013. For self-attestations received after January 13, 2013, the effective date of the increase will be the date of self-attestation.

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.