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DIVISION OF HEALTH CARE ACCESS AND
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NOTICE: 16-05

DATE: April 13, 2016
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RE: Enhanced Federal
Funding for Qualifying
IM Activities

TO: County Departments of Human Services Directors
County Departments of Social Services Directors

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this memo is to communicate information about enhanced federal funding for eligibility and enrollment activities under the Income Maintenance (IM) contract between the Department of Health Services (DHS) and Consortia for the period of July 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.

BACKGROUND

Section V.C.3 Reimbursement of the IM contract states:

The Department will use its reasonable best efforts to obtain local share/federal match (earned) for IM Programs and, unless prohibited by law, will pass through to the Consortium any federal funds earned above the Consortium's Income Maintenance Administrative Allocation (IMAA).

In response to a request submitted by DHS to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requesting enhanced federal funding for eligibility and enrollment activities, DHS has received federal approval of enhanced funding for these activities which includes the period of July 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.

To receive enhanced funding, the State must receive an approval from CMS each federal fiscal year (FFY). The expenses for enhanced funding are claimed based on the approved time period (FFY). DHS intends to continue to submit requests to CMS to receive approval of the enhanced funding for eligible activities until CMS indicates that the funding is no longer available. Each year's submitted request is subject to an individual review and approval and must demonstrate compliance with CMS requirements. If CMS determines that the enhanced funding is no longer available or if DHS's request is not approved, DHS will return to the standard 50% matching rate on local funds.

A separate Administrative Memo will be issued to set out the term, conditions and amounts of any enhanced federal funding that correspond with IM calendar years.

Amount and Distribution of Enhanced Funding

The time period for the enhanced funds addressed in this administrator's memo is July 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. The amount of enhanced funding was determined by using a blended rate based on the proportion of the total Medicaid related IM activities that qualify for enhanced claiming at 75%, based on RMS statistics for calendar year 2014. The federal rate for other eligible programs remained at 50%. The attached chart outlines the amount of local enhanced funding to be distributed to the Consortia for the FFY14 period of July 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.

Enhanced funding associated with local dollars will be distributed based on the amount of local match each Consortium contributed in CY 2014 and reimbursement to the Consortia will be issued in the form of a check. The actual blended reimbursement rate was based on the Consortia's RMS statistics showing the proportion of FoodShare, Medicaid, and other activity. DHS will not re-distribute the enhanced funding earned on State GPR funds per the IM contract language.

Consortia were notified in Administrator's Memo 13-09 that Marketplace Exchange activities are not reimbursable under the Income Maintenance contract. RMS data shows that IM Consortia performed Marketplace Exchange work during CY 14 and were reimbursed a total of \$34,057 for these activities through CARS. Since RMS methodology samples all Consortia as one group this overpayment has been allocated proportionally across Consortia.

A Consortium's enhanced funding amount is eligible for federal match if the Consortium chooses to re-invest the funds into the IM programs for reimbursement of allowable expenses.

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CY 2014 IM Enhanced Funding Reimbursement

Consortium	CY 14 Enhanced FED Reimbursement	Overpayment Proportional to CY 14 Base Allocation	CY 14 Enhanced FED Reimbursement with Recoup
Bay Lake (Brown)	\$ 93,435	\$ (2,876)	\$ 90,559
Capital (Dane)	\$ 276,981	\$ (5,742)	\$ 271,239
Great Rivers (Eau Claire)	\$ 220,098	\$ (4,093)	\$ 216,005
Moraine Lakes (Fond du Lac)	\$ 235,437	\$ (3,709)	\$ 231,728
WKRP (Kenosha)	\$ 159,795	\$ (3,082)	\$ 156,713
Western (LaCrosse)	\$ 65,314	\$ (2,508)	\$ 62,806
Central (Marathon)	\$ 79,947	\$ (2,105)	\$ 77,842
Southern (Rock)	\$ 140,558	\$ (3,231)	\$ 137,327
East Central (Marquette)	\$ 200,273	\$ (3,969)	\$ 196,304
Northern (Wood)	\$ 65,954	\$ (2,741)	\$ 63,213
	\$ 1,537,792	\$ (34,056)	\$ 1,503,736

**Note: The amounts for Sheboygan County are reflected in the Capital Consortium.