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Dear Home Health Provider:

Florida, like most other states, has had to make Medicaid coverage and reimbursement decisions in order to operate within available resources. One of these decisions has an impact on the home health program and is effective July 1, 2003. The Florida Legislature was unable to continue funding the home health fee increases which were implemented on January 1, 2002. Consequently, fee increases will have to be rescinded and fees reduced to the level prior to January 1, 2002. The rates are:

CODE	DESCRIPTOR	CURRENT RATE per visit	NEW RATE per visit (July 1, 2003)
W9612* W9612 99**	Nursing services rendered by an LPN	\$29.07	\$26.19
W9613* W9613 99**	Home health aide services associated with skilled nursing	\$19.73	\$17.46
W9620* W9620 99**	Home health visit by a home health aide	\$19.73	\$17.46
W9611* W9611 99**	Nursing services by an RN	\$34.35	\$31.04

- * Procedure code identifies the service was provided to a Medicaid eligible recipient.
- ** Procedure code identifies the service was provided to a dually eligible (enrolled in both Medicaid and Medicare) recipient.

We regret the necessity for taking this action. Please understand that this is not an act of devaluing your services to Medicaid recipients, but rather a result of our current budget situation.

Thank you for your continued service to Florida's Medicaid recipients. We look forward to our continued relationship in the future.

Sincerely,

Bob Sharpe, Deputy
Secretary for Medicaid

