Dear Hospital Provider:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of an important change that will be made to the Medicaid hospital program. This change is being implemented as a result of provisions passed during the 2012 legislative session.

Beginning August 1, 2012, payment for hospital emergency room visits for non-pregnant adults, age 21 and older, will be limited to six per fiscal year (July 1 – June 30). Please keep in mind that this limit applies to payment only and not services provided to Medicaid recipients. Therefore, Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act laws will still apply. Additionally, if the emergency room visit results in an inpatient admission, it will not count towards the limit as these services are billed as inpatient.

We appreciate the services you provide to Florida’s Medicaid recipients. You may contact your local Medicaid area office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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