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Dear Medicaid Provider:

During the 2005 Special Session, the Legislature authorized the expansion of Medicaid Reform to Baker, Clay, and Nassau Counties. The expansion of Medicaid Reform is expected to take place during July 2007 in these counties.

The Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) is authorized to contract with Provider Service Networks, Health Maintenance Organizations, and other licensed insurers in the above mentioned counties in areas where Medicaid Reform will be implemented. The plans will provide services to the Children and Families populations (TANF) and Aged and Disabled non-dually eligible individuals (SSI population not yet eligible for Medicare). The State may also contract with specialty plans to serve the needs of Children's Medical Services enrollees and beneficiaries diagnosed with HIV/AIDS.

Potential plans will be provided the opportunity to participate in Reform through the release of a Reform Plan application by the Agency. The Reform Plan application is expected to be released on December 1, 2006. Plans will have until February 1, 2007 to return their application to the Agency for review for the anticipated July 2007 implementation date.

All plans will be required to develop provider networks that will provide comprehensive health care services to Medicaid enrolled beneficiaries. You may be contacted by potential Reform Plans who will be soliciting providers to participate in their network. The Agency encourages you to explore opportunities within the plan networks.

To obtain more information about Medicaid Reform, you may visit the Medicaid Reform Website at <http://ahca.myflorida.com> or contact your local Medicaid office.

Sincerely,

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