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From: Secretary JudyAnn Bigby, M.D., Executive Office of Health and Human Services

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JudyAnn Bigby".

Date: April 2, 2008

Re: Fiscal impact of new federal rule on Municipal Medicaid programs

Attached is an important memo from Tom Dehner, Massachusetts Medicaid Director, regarding the impact of a new federal rule on the Municipal Medicaid program. Because the majority of cities and towns in Massachusetts participate in this program, we wanted to be sure that you receive and read Mr. Dehner's memo. The memo explains the changes required by the new rule change and includes information on the potential fiscal impact on the cities and towns currently participating in the program.

This rule is currently subject to a Congressional moratorium prohibiting its implementation. The moratorium is due to expire on June 30, 2008 absent further Congressional action. Once the moratorium has expired, the Office of Medicaid expects the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to implement the rule. Although the Administration is working hard to make sure that the new Medicaid regulation does not take effect, it is vitally important for your voices to be heard as well. Please contact the Massachusetts Congressional Delegation about this important issue.

Please contact Tom Dehner or Christy Bonstelle at 617-573-1770 if you have any questions regarding the Municipal Medicaid program and this new rule.