COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE POLICY & FINANCING

1570 Grant Street, Denver, CO 80203-1818 • (303) 866-2993 • (303) 866-4411 Fax • (303) 866-3883 TTY

Bill Ritter, Jr., Governor • Joan Henneberry, Executive Director

April 16, 2007

Melodie Beck
Joint Budget Committee Staff
200 East 14th Avenue, Third Floor
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Ms. Beck:

Enclosed please find a report to the Joint Budget Committee on the Health Care Policy and Financing Medical Services Premiums expenditures and Medicaid Caseload pursuant to Footnote 20 of the Long Bill, H.B. 06-1385:

> *"The Department is requested to submit monthly Medicaid expenditure and Caseload reports on the Medical Services Premiums budget to the Joint Budget Committee, by the third Monday of each month. The Department is requested to include in the report the managed care organization caseload by aid category. The Department is also requested to provide caseload and expenditure data for The Children's Basic Health Plan within the monthly report."*

The data contained in this month's Medicaid expenditure and caseload report is reflected as of March 31, 2007, coinciding with the close of Period 9 in the Colorado Financial Reporting System. The current report contains a separate worksheet for Medical Services Premiums expenditures by service category and Medicaid caseload data by eligibility category, which includes the monthly growth rate. Year to date averages including months from February forward for clients in health maintenance organizations and the Primary Care Physician Program appear in the Medicaid caseload worksheet.

For the Children's Basic Health Plan, caseload figures shown for the current month include a manual adjustment for anticipated retroactivity. Recent experience of retroactive capitation payments is used as a guide for estimating the manual adjustment each month. Client counts for the current month will be updated in next month's report to reflect the impact of actual retroactive capitations made.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (303) 866-2854.

Sincerely,

John Bartholomew
Director, Budget Division

Cc: Senator Abel Tapia, Joint Budget Committee Chairman
Representative Bernie Buescher, Joint Budget Committee Vice-Chairman
John Ziegler, Staff Director, Joint Budget Committee Staff
Todd Saliman, Director, OSPB
Luke Huwar, Budget Analyst, OSPB
Maria Coe, Economist, OSPB
Sue Williamson, Deputy Director, Client and Public Relations Office
Joan Henneberry, Executive Director
HCPF Executive Director's Office
Barbara Prehmus, Medical Assistance Office
Ginny Brown, Legislative Liaison
Adel Soliman, Controller
Bill Heller, CBHP
Gayle Fowler, Eligibility Section Manager
Jed Ziegenhagen, Rates Section Manager
Antoinette Taranto, Data Section
All Budget Analysts, HCPF Budget Division
Budget Data Library