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Dear Mr. Kurtz:

Enclosed please find a report to the Joint Budget Committee on the Health Care Policy and Financing expenditures and caseload for Medicaid and the Children's Basic Health Plan pursuant to FY 2011-12 Legislative Request For Information #1:

"The Department is requested to submit monthly Medicaid expenditure and caseload reports on the Medical Services Premiums and mental health capitation line items to the Joint Budget Committee, by the fifteenth or first business day following the fifteenth 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, the Medicare Modernization Act State Contribution Payment, and the Old Age Pension State Medical Program within the monthly report."

The data contained in this month's Medicaid expenditure and caseload report is reflected as of May 31, 2012, coinciding with the close of Period 11 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 and over-the-year growth rates. Year-to-date caseload averages for clients in health maintenance organizations and the Primary Care Physician Program appear in the Medicaid caseload worksheet.

To date, the Department has not received federal approval for its State Plan Amendment (SPA) for outpatient hospital supplemental payments for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2011-12. From October 2011 through March 2012, the Department was making outpatient and inpatient hospital supplemental payments at the FFY 2010-11 levels in anticipation of federal approval of the new hospital provider fee model. However, because the Department is in ongoing negotiations for approval of the outpatient SPA and cannot anticipate when it will be approved, the Department has opted to make interim payments back to October 2011. The interim payments incorporate the approved inpatient payments and interim outpatient payments while SPA negotiations continue. The Department will continue to make these interim payments until the FFY 2011-12 hospital provider fee model is approved.

Medicaid caseload increased by 11,950 from April 2012, which included 5,680 individuals that enrolled in the new Adults without Dependent Children category, as well as 69 additional individuals who enrolled in the Adult Buy-In Program. The caseload for low-income children specifically rose by 2,977 children, representing a monthly growth rate of 0.87% since April 2012.

The Department discovered an error in the Medicaid caseload reported for January 2011 for all reports dated February 15, 2011 through November 15, 2011. The Department corrected the official January 2011 caseload data, along with the FY 2010-11 annual average caseload, in the report dated December 15, 2011.

This report also includes caseload and expenditure data for the Old Age Pension State Medical Program and the Medicare Modernization Act State Contribution Payments.

In addition to the information requested in Legislative Request For Information #1, the Department is including Medicaid Mental Health expenditure and caseload by Behavioral Health Organization pursuant to the FY 2008-09 Legislative Request For Information #26:

"The Department is requested to provide recommendations to the Joint Budget Committee by November 1, 2008 on whether greater budget accuracy would be achieved if caseload and capitation payments were estimated and tracked for each Regional Behavioral Center. In developing their recommendations, the Department will note any additional administrative costs associated with changing systems to track caseload data in this manner and to compile and report on the data."

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer St. Peter at (303) 866-3982.

Sincerely,

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