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TO: Primary Medical Malpractice Carriers
FROM: Theresa Wedekind, Director
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SUBJECT: Changes in Fund classifications

Part time Providers

Effective July 1, 2006, there will be a new part-time provider type for those physicians practicing 1040 hours or less per fiscal year. These physicians should be reported as a provider type 60. The ISO code should be same as would be used for a provider type 1. These providers will receive a 40% reduction in their Fund fees.

This part-time provider type does not include any of the restrictions that are in place for the current Fund provider type 7, which will remain in effect. Provider type 7 is for those physicians practicing less than 500 hrs a fiscal year with no surgery, OB or hospital admitting privileges.

Limited Liability Companies (LLCs)

Limited Liability Companies (LLCs) can now participate in the Fund pursuant to a bill signed into law in August 2005. However it is important to note that the LLC must meet the primary purpose of providing the medical services of physicians and/or CRNAs. Provider type 26 should be used for all LLCs, other than ambulatory surgery centers or hospitals that might be formed as an LLC. When a certificate is received by the Fund for a new LLC, a survey will be sent to the entity to obtain information for billing purposes. If information provided by the entity indicates that the entity does not meet this primary purpose the primary carrier will be contacted and a termination of the certificate may be necessary.

If you have any questions regarding these or any other issues regarding Fund participation or certificate reporting, please contact Fund staff.