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Assessment Rate Notice for Child Covered Lives in 2018

This letter is the annual announcement advising you of the new assessment rate for calendar year 2018. The first quarterly assessment at the new rate in this letter will be payable May 15, 2018 for child covered lives in the months of January through March 2018. The current \$3.17 rate per child covered life per month remains in effect for the payment due dates of November 15, 2017 and February 15, 2018.

At its meeting on September 19, 2017, the MVB voted to set the 2018 calendar year assessment rate at \$8.29 per child covered life per month. This rate goes into effect with the assessment payments due May 15, 2018. Notice of this assessment rate will be published on the MVB website.

As advised when the 2017 rate was set last year, there is an increase in the 2018 assessment rate. This increase is attributed to a number of positive factors that helped to significantly decrease the 2017 assessment rate. These factors included: Maine CDC's continuing efforts to manage inventory, its ability to further reduce wastage, providers' commitment to inventory management and the overcollection of assessments from the previous year. Even though there is an increased rate for 2018, this rate is lower than the 2016 assessment rate (\$9.29) and in line with the assessment rates for 2013 - 2015 (\$8.16).

The current best estimate of the 2019 rate is \$8.05 per child covered life per month, which is below the rates for the years of 2013 - 2016. The 2019 assessment rate will be reviewed for final determination in September 2018.

As always, feel free to call us at any time should you have any questions concerning the foregoing. Applicable rates automatically will be applied by the MVB assessment system, so no action is required on your part.

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