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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Mitchell H. Katz, M.D.
Director

SUBJECT: **DHS PARTICIPATION IN MEDICARE MODERNIZATION ACT (MMA) SECTION 1011 PROGRAM**

On January 19, 2006, the Department submitted its first status report on its progress to enroll and participate in the MMA Section 1011 program, which provides partial federal reimbursement for emergency services provided to undocumented immigrants. This is the latest in a series of periodic reports to inform your Board of our participation in this program.

On February 25, 2011, the Department received approximately $2.3 million in reimbursement for Section 1011 program services provided during the Third Quarter of Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2010. Total Section 1011 program reimbursement to date (for the twenty participating quarters) exceeds $43.2 million. Please see the attached Section 1011 billing and reimbursement schedule for more information.

As discussed in recent reports Highmark Medicare Services (HMS) has succeeded TrailBlazer Health Enterprises, LLC as the new fiscal intermediary for the Section 1011 program. During this first quarter of HMS reimbursement services the Department has not experienced any major changes in billing or collection operations. The Department will continue its participation in the program until the remaining California Section 1011 allocations have been exhausted. It is estimated that California currently has approximately$41.2 million remaining in Section 1011 allocated funds which may provide program funding through dates of service ending June 30, 2011.

The Department will continue to provide periodic reports to your Board on its participation in the Section 1011 program. Please let me know if you have questions or require additional information.

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
MMA SECTION 1011 BILLING AND REIMBURSEMENT SUMMARY
Fourth Quarter FFY 2005 – Third Quarter FFY 2010
(Dates of Service July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2010)

Federal Fiscal Year (Quarter)	Dates of Service	Total Claims Submitted	Total Gross Charges (Billed)	Total Billed Days	Average Reimbursement/Claim	Payment Date	Total Reimbursement[1]
4th Qtr. FFY 2005	07/01/05 – 09/30/05	903	$12,412,965	1,683	$2,619	May 29, 2006	$2,364,836
1st Qtr. FFY 2006	10/01/05 – 12/31/05	1,417	$15,225,675	2,194	$1,705	August 28, 2006	$2,416,185
2nd Qtr. FFY 2006	01/01/06 – 03/31/06	1,048	$11,930,683	1,714	$2,974	November 27, 2006	$3,117,348
3rd Qtr. FFY 2006	04/01/06 – 06/30/06	921	$13,366,513	1,826	$3,466	February 26, 2007	$3,191,822
4th Qtr. FFY 2006	07/01/06 – 09/30/06	838	$ 9,747,851	1,449	$2,499	May 28, 2007	$2,094,219
1st Qtr. FFY 2007	10/01/06 – 12/31/06	467	$ 5,851,230	818	$2,765	August 28, 2007	$1,291,042
2nd Qtr. FFY 2007	01/01/07 – 03/31/07	440	$ 6,169,519	830	$2,752	November 26, 2007	$1,210,679
3rd Qtr. FFY 2007	04/01/07 – 06/30/07	679	$ 8,693,288	1,223	$2,383	February 25, 2008	$1,618,228
4th Qtr. FFY 2007	07/01/07 – 09/30/07	605	$ 7,602,583	1,094	$2,650	May 27, 2008	$1,603,430
1st Qtr. FFY 2008	10/01/07 – 12/31/07	809	$ 9,240,400	1,414	$2,438	August 27, 2008	$1,972,106
2nd Qtr. FFY 2008	01/01/08 – 03/31/08	772	$ 9,212,098	1,365	$2,778	November 26, 2008	$2,144,970
3rd Qtr. FFY 2008	04/01/08 – 06/30/08	874	$ 9,872,925	1,501	$2,607	February 25, 2009	$2,280,955
4th Qtr. FFY 2008	07/01/08 – 09/30/08	797	$10,826,559	1,510	$2,846	May 28, 2009	$2,268,452
1st Qtr. FFY 2009	10/01/08 – 12/31/08	793	$10,721,053	1,491	$2,931	August 28, 2009	$2,324,133
2nd Qtr. FFY 2009	01/01/09 – 03/31/09	728	$ 9,248,121	1,325	$2,712	November 29, 2009	$1,974,420
3rd Qtr. FFY 2009	04/01/09 – 06/30/09	764	$10,697,292	1,426	$2,946	February 25, 2010	$2,251,445
4th Qtr. FFY 2009	07/01/09 – 09/30/09	768	$10,649,096	1,441	$2,970	May 28, 2010	$2,280,963
1st Qtr. FFY 2010	10/01/09 – 12/31/09	763	$10,747,418	1,469	$2,958	August 30, 2010	$2,257,030
2nd Qtr. FFY 2010	01/01/10 – 03/31/10	762	$10,627,491	1,417	$3,014	November 26, 2010	$2,296,746
3rd Qtr. FFY 2010	04/01/10 – 03/31/10	570	$10,812,628	1,451	$3,990	February 25, 2011	$2,274,319
Total-to-Date		15,709	$203,655,388	28,638	$2,750	Total all Quarters	$43,203,328[2]

1. Reimbursement includes inpatient and outpatient ER hospital services as well as psychiatric ER services and is based on a combined Medicare Cost Report-Highmark Medicare Services (HMS) methodology which has provided an average reimbursement rate to date of 21.21%
2. Paid claims are subject to eligibility compliance and medical review that can result in repayment of a paid claim denied by HMS as part of its compliance and medical review final determination process