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Re: Rural Medical Access Program (RMAP) Assessment Rate

The RMAP was created to promote prenatal services in underserved areas of the state by providing medical malpractice insurance premium assistance for medical professionals who provide prenatal care in designated areas of the State. Title 24-A M.R.S. §6302 requires every physician (practicing in Maine), hospital, and physician's employer to participate in the RMAP. Assessments are collected from Maine practicing physicians, hospitals, and physician's employers to fund the RMAP.

The assessment rate was 1.25% in the early 2000's and was lowered to 0.75% in 2007. The rate was lowered again in 2015 to 0.2% to allow the RMAP fund balance to draw down the excess accumulated amount. Currently, the RMAP is funded through this fiscal year (June 30, 2019) but will need additional funds for the 2020 fiscal year (July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020.)

Therefore, in accordance with 02-031 CMR ch.630, the Superintendent is increasing the RMAP assessment rate from 0.20% to 0.70% starting July 1, 2019. The invoices for the next fiscal year will reflect the new rate.

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