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February 23, 2012

To: Maine Healthcare Providers
From: The Maine Vaccine Board
Re: Provider Transitional Loss Mitigation Program (PTLMP)

The Maine Vaccine Board (MVB) wants to thank all Maine healthcare providers for their support which led to the creation of the MVB. We also are grateful to the payer community for their nearly universal early participation in the self-assessment reporting system, and their timely remittance of the first two quarters' assessments. Thanks to voluntary compliance by most payers and administrative follow up with the handful of licensed entities which did not initially file their assessments, MVB has been able to assure adequate funding for Maine CDC's purchase of vaccines for all of Maine's children.

With anything new, such as the Maine Universal Childhood Immunization Program, there are inevitable transitional considerations. Last year we asked payers throughout the state to recognize and pay, in accordance with 2011 practices, for any childhood vaccines purchased by providers prior to January 1, 2012 and administered from January 1 through April 30, 2012 to Maine children. We asked that such claims be paid in accordance with past practices notwithstanding the availability of free vaccines on account of funding via MVB using assessments paid for the same period. However, payers are not required by Maine's new statute to pay such claims. Mindful of that fact, MVB has set aside a statewide total of up to **Four Hundred Thousand Dollars** to mitigate losses providers may experience on account of any properly filed but denied claims for childhood immunizations during January-April 2012. This Provider Transitional Loss Mitigation Program (PTLMP) allows providers to receive partial reimbursement from MVB for any such properly filed but denied claims. In order to apply for this funding, you will need to document denial of these claims by the third-party payer, and submit a claim to the PTLMP for reimbursement in accordance with the program terms.

An initial description of this program already has been posted to the MVB website: www.MEvaccine.org. To review this information, navigate first by clicking on the major "**FOR PROVIDERS**" tab near the top of the MVB website and then click through on the left hand "**PTLMP**" link. The resultant PTLMP landing page already contains a general description of the PTLMP and will have, prior to May 1, the complete set of forms for any provider who seeks to file a claim under the program. We request that all claims from each provider be submitted in one batch. PTLMP claim submissions to MVB must be completed no later than June 30, 2012.

MVB's website homepage on the right hand side has a link to sign up for "**Email Alerts**". Each provider is encouraged to have at least one person from his or her office sign up for MVB's email alerts. We welcome your feedback on the PTLMP or other work of MVB and encourage you to use the homepage website link to "**Email Us**". That link also is on the right hand side of MVB's website pages.

Thank you, again for your ongoing support and concern for the wellbeing of Maine's children.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Fred L. Potter', is written over a faint blue circular stamp.

Fred L. Potter, Executive Director

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