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MEMORANDUM

TO: Providers of MaineCare Private Non-Medical Institution (PNMI) Services and Interested Parties

FROM: Mary C. Mayhew, Commissioner, Department of Health and Human Services

SUBJECT: PNMI Stakeholder Update

In early September the Department updated all Private Non-Medical Institution (PNMI) providers on the work we are engaged in with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) regarding compliance issues related to PNMI services. That letter can be found online at: <http://maine.gov/dhhs/oms/provider/pnmi.html>.

As part of our efforts to address CMS's concerns, the Department initially sought to establish a provider Steering Committee to assure that all available expertise is utilized in this initiative. However, due to the overwhelming provider interest in this committee and the Department's need to respond to CMS in a timely manner, we have altered that plan and will convene a Statewide PNMI Forum, the details of which are outlined below.

We believe this alternative plan will be the most effective way to allow participation from providers and community members, as well as afford us the opportunity to gather a wide array of feedback on the initiative.

- The Statewide PNMI Informational Forum will be held on Tuesday, October 18, 2011 from 9:00-12:00pm, at the Augusta Civic Center.

This forum is open to the public and participants will hear the current status of MaineCare PNMI services, CMS's concerns, the progress of DHHS work on this initiative, timelines and expectations. Those who attend the forum will have the opportunity to share feedback and ask questions of the Department.

If you would like to attend the forum, please RSVP to: Pam Easton at: Pamela.Easton@maine.gov or 287-1927 by October 12th.

- In addition to this larger forum, the Department will conduct smaller, community forums as further developments in this initiative transpire. The Department will provide the dates and locations of these events at the October 18th forum, and will post them on our PNMI initiative website.

We appreciate your flexibility as we work to understand CMS's interpretation of their guidelines and what Maine must do to operate in full compliance with Federal law.

If you have any questions on these events or this initiative, please contact Pam Easton at 287-1927. We are committed to open communication and frequent updates throughout this process and ask that you utilize our [website](#) for information related to PNMI.