Dear Provider,

I write to inform you of a change in the DHHS contact process for the PNMI initiative. For the past year, Patty Dushuttle has led the Department’s efforts to restructure the PNMI reimbursement system to better align with our mission, as well as directives and expectations communicated to the state from CMS. Patty’s expertise in MaineCare policy, her extensive knowledge and understanding of Medicaid rules and regulations, and her willingness to manage this large and multifaceted project have been critical to the success of this initiative. Patty has accepted a position in the Office for Family Independence and will now bring her skills in rulemaking and policy management to a new venue. This change will be effective February 4th.

The work begun in January of 2012 is continuing to move forward. The next phase of the project will place the management of the PNMI restructure in the hands of the Offices within DHHS that oversee each Appendix. As has been the case in the past, the PNMI Advisory Committee will be re-convened on an as-needed basis.

Effective Monday, February 4, 2013 the Department contacts for PNMI are:

Appendix B – Jasmil Patillo (jasmil.patillo@maine.gov) and Carlton Lewis (carlton.r.lewis@maine.gov)
Appendix C – Elizabeth Gattine (elizabeth.gattine@maine.gov)
Appendix D – Stephanie Barrett (stephanie.barrett@maine.gov) and Lindsey Tweed (lindsey.tweed@maine.gov)
Appendix E – Jasmil Patillo and Carlton Lewis
Appendix F – Elizabeth Gattine (elizabeth.gattine@maine.gov)

The Office of MaineCare Services’ PNMI expert is Beth Ketch (beth.ketch@maine.gov)

Thank you for your continued work with the Department on this important initiative and please feel free to reach out to your respective contact person(s) should you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Smith
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