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TO: Interested Parties  
FROM: Lorraine LeBlanc , Executive Director

**RE: Rate Revision**

The Patients Compensation Fund has made a request to the Department of Insurance for the following rate changes with an effective date of **January 1, 2005**:

**There is no overall change in rates being proposed.**

The proposed rate changes would effect only the following specialties:

Family Physicians, no surgery (80239) - increase in class from PH 1 to PH 2A - 7.7% increase

Dermatology – minor surgery (80282) – decrease in class from PH 1 to PH 1A - 20% decrease

Psysiatry – no surgery (80235) – decrease in class from PH1 to PH 1A - 20% decrease

Psychiatry – including child (80249) – decrease in class from PH1 to PH 1A - 20% decrease

Neonatology -Intensive Care Medicine (80283) - decrease class from PH 3 to PH 2 - 21.6% decrease

Surgery – ophthalmology (80114) - decrease in class from PH 3 to PH 2 - 21.6% decrease

Revised rates for Dialysis Centers – decrease in per treatment rate by 38.7-40%.