

## Michigan Department of Community Health

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**Programs Affected:** Medicaid, Adult Benefits Waiver, Children's Special Health Care Services, MOMS

The purpose of this bulletin is to update the Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) statewide budget-neutrality Reduction Factor (RF) previously referenced in Medicaid policy bulletin MSA 07-66.

On November 18, 2008, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) published changes to the Medicare OPPS system in the Federal Register (2009 CMS Final Rule, CMS-1404-FC). Those changes included a 3.6% inflationary increase to the Medicare OPPS program. To maintain budget neutrality for the Medicaid program, the Medicaid OPPS reduction factor will be adjusted from 60.9% to 58.8% effective for dates of services on or after January 1, 2009.

Policy bulletin MSA 06-47 stated that the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) may adjust its reduction factor to maintain expenditures within appropriated levels if Medicare implements a general rate increase. In addition, MSA 07-12 stated MDCH reserves the right to adjust the reduction factor if budget concerns are evident and changing significantly prior to the end of the State's fiscal year.

### Public Comment

The public comment portion of the policy promulgation process is being conducted concurrently with the implementation of the change noted in this bulletin. Any interested party wishing to comment on the change may do so by submitting comments in writing to:

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If responding by e-mail, please include "OPPS Reduction Factor" in the subject line.

Comments received will be considered for revisions to the change implemented by this bulletin.

## Manual Maintenance

Retain this bulletin until the information has been incorporated into the Michigan Medicaid Provider Manual.

## Questions

Any questions regarding this bulletin should be directed to Provider Inquiry, Department of Community Health, P.O. Box 30731, Lansing, Michigan 48909-8231, or e-mail at [ProviderSupport@michigan.gov](mailto:ProviderSupport@michigan.gov). When you submit an e-mail, be sure to include your name, affiliation, and phone number so you may be contacted if necessary. Providers may phone toll-free 1-800-292-2550.

## Approved

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Reinhart". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and a long, sweeping underline.

Paul Reinhart, Director  
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