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Dear Medicaid Provider:

SUBJECT: Michigan Peer Review Organization (MPRO) Retrospective Review Denial
and the MPRO Nursing Facility Level Of Care (NF LOC) Exception/Immediate
Reviews.

On August 26, 2010, Bulletin MSA 10-29 was issued to Medicaid Providers as a reminder of the Michigan Department of Community Health's retrospective review of the Michigan Medicaid Nursing Facility Level of Care Determination (LOCD) and subsequent Medicaid recovery process established in Bulletin MSA 04-15.

This letter is to remind Medicaid reimbursed nursing facilities, MI Choice waiver agents and Program of All Inclusive Care For the Elderly (PACE) providers that when a beneficiary is determined ineligible based on a retrospective review of the beneficiary's LOCD, the retrospective review determination is not eligible for MPRO's NF LOC Exception/Immediate review.

When an LOCD is selected for retrospective review, NF LOC Exception/Immediate review criteria are automatically taken under consideration as part of the review process. Therefore, the Medicaid provider may not contact MPRO to request a NF LOC Exception review on behalf of the beneficiary as the Exception/Immediate review criteria have already been considered. Additionally, the provider's adverse notice issued to the beneficiary based on the retrospective review denial may not include the right to contact MPRO for a NF LOC Immediate Review.

If upon retrospective review it is determined the beneficiary is ineligible for nursing facility level of care, a denial notice with appeal rights will be issued to the provider.

Sincerely,

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