



Date: May 30, 2008

Dear Health Care Professional:

## RE: Pharmacy Provider Payments

In response to the severe budget crises affecting state government, Medicaid in particular, First Health Services is working with the Commonwealth of Kentucky on their year-end Cash Management Initiative. As part of this initiative, there will be an adjustment made to the cycle schedule in June.

As performed during the last few years, there will be a one-time delay in the claims payment release in late June. To assist providers in preparing for the delay, the Commonwealth has authorized a shortened cycle to relieve providers' cash flow by providing funds earlier than normal during the first part of June.

This initiative includes a shortened one-week cycle ending on June 6, 2008 with payments being released June 13, 2008. The next payment cycle will end on June 27, 2008. Provider payments for that cycle will be released on Thursday, July 3, 2008. Payments scheduled for release after July 3rd will be on our customary bi-weekly schedule, with the next payment to be released on July 18.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as the Commonwealth makes every effort to maximize available funding to serve the members of the Medicaid program.

Sincerely,

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