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To All Insurers and Self-Insurers Writing Medical Malpractice in PA:

Mcare is pleased to publish the 2014 Assessment Manual. The 2014 Mcare Assessment Manual ("Manual") is intended to assist in calculating Mcare assessments for 2014. This Manual addresses many of the aspects of the applicable law and regulations related to assessment calculations; it is not intended to be exhaustive or inclusive of all possible situations. Users of this Manual are encouraged to access the Pennsylvania Insurance Department's website at www.insurance.pa.gov for additional information about Mcare, as well as Act 13 of 2002 and its attendant rules and regulations. This Manual does not supersede Pennsylvania law and regulations. *This Manual should be read in its entirety.*

During 2013, many of you participated in the Electronic Financial Transaction (EFT) Pilot Program, which expanded payment options to include Automated Clearing House (ACH) and wire transfers. The EFT process provides primary insurers with alternative payment methods to a paper check. We strongly recommend the use of EFTs when assessment payments are made. To learn more about these new payment options and the minimum standards, please email Mcare's Fiscal Unit at ra-in-mcare-exec-web@pa.gov expressing your interest.

Changes you will note in the 2014 Assessment Manual from the 2013 Assessment Manual are:

- A new territory (Territory 7) has been created
 - Blair County (07) moved from Territory 6 to Territory 7
- Delaware County (23) moved from Territory 5 to Territory 4
- Lackawanna County (35) moved from Territory 4 to Territory 5
- Westmoreland County (65) moved from Territory 3 to Territory 6

Relocation Notice

Please take particular note of our new street address as referenced below. Mcare's relocation was effective May 20, 2013 and notice of the relocation was published in the May 18, 2013, Vol. 43, No. 20 of the [Pennsylvania Bulletin](#). Telephone and facsimile numbers remain the same.

Sincerely,



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