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To All Interested Parties:

The Mcare Fund has produced the 2020 Mcare Assessment Manual (Assessment Manual) with the goal of helping you better understand the assessment process and to aid in the preparation of timely and accurate remittance advice forms. There have been no changes to the prevailing primary premium, specialty classes, or territories. The assessment percentage for 2020 remains at 19% for the fourth consecutive year!

For 2020, Mcare is rolling out an e-216 and accompanying documentation that is the culmination of over a years' worth of analysis, development and testing. The e-216 now has a Review Tool that performs a completeness and accuracy check on a line by line basis. It does so by dynamically adapting to the data it is analyzing. For instance, the Review Tool will not highlight a retroactive date is missing unless claims made coverage is being reported. Use of the Review Tool is not mandatory. However, those hospitals, producers and insurance companies who collaboratively worked with Mcare in the final development and testing stages gave it high marks for both ease of use and effectiveness.

The Assessment Manual does not supersede Pennsylvania laws and regulations and cannot address all possible situations. Users of the Assessment Manual are encouraged to regularly access Mcare's website at <http://www.insurance.pa.gov> for current information about Mcare. Any questions regarding how the Assessment Manual applies to specific facts should be addressed to your Coverage Specialist.

In closing, I would like to personally thank all those people who were part of the test group helping make the Review Tool so exceptionally effective and efficient. The esprit de corps among the Mcare staff and the test group was a watershed moment for this agency, one we will strive to continue to build on for everyone's benefit. If you have any suggestions on how Mcare's service can be improved, please email me at theo@pa.gov or call me at 717-783-7657 (direct).

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Theodore G. Otto, III". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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