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Eric A. Cioppa
Superintendent

October 3, 2016

RE: Rural Medical Access Program: **July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016** year
RESPONSE REQUIRED

Dear Physician,

The Rural Medical Access Program (“RMAP”) was created to promote prenatal services in underserved areas of the state. Title 24-A M.R.S.A. §6302 states that every physician (practicing in Maine), hospital, and physician’s employer must participate in the RMAP. Assessments are collected from Maine practicing physicians, hospitals, and physicians’ employers in order to fund the RMAP, which provides premium assistance to physicians who provide prenatal care in rural areas of the State and are deemed eligible per the RMAP statute.

Physicians and hospitals insured by an authorized insurer pay the yearly assessment as part of their billed premium. You have not been reported by an insurance company as having paid the RMAP assessment. Therefore, we assume that you were either self-insured, insured through an unauthorized insurer, or insured through a risk retention group and considered self-insured under this statute in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. As such, you are required by state law to pay a yearly assessment to the RMAP fund.

Please complete the enclosed assessment form and remit any assessment by December 1, 2016 for the policy year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. A completed assessment form **must** be submitted to comply with Maine law. If you did not practice medicine in Maine during this period, simply indicate accordingly on the enclosed form. All forms should be returned to Medical Mutual Insurance Company, the full address to follow.

Instructions for the Calculation of Assessment Due:

- 1) Locate your appropriate specialty area, class code, and rate class on the attached “Class Group Table”. Enter your class code and rate class on the assessment form. For example, if you are a plastic surgeon, locate that specialty on the table and note the corresponding class code of 80156 and rate class of #8.



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- 2) Using the attached “Annual Assessment Determination” table, locate your rate class on the left side and your number of years licensed in Maine along the top to determine your assessment. For example, a plastic surgeon (rate class #8) licensed for five or more years, the assessment would be \$53. If you did not practice medicine in Maine during the policy year, no assessment fee shall be collected. However, if you practiced part-time or for a portion of time, the assessment shall be prorated to reflect the months worked related to the policy year (assessment would be multiplied by the number of months worked divided by twelve months total). **If the assessment is calculated to be less than \$5.00, the assessment is waived, although the assessment form must still be submitted.**

EXEMPTION – Physicians who receive medical malpractice liability protection through the Federal Tort Claims Act are exempt and are not required to pay an assessment.

Please complete the enclosed assessment form and remit payment (make check payable to “Rural Medical Access Program”) to:

**Medical Mutual Insurance Company
RMAP Assessment
One City Center
P.O. Box 15275
Portland, ME 04112-5275**

The assessment form must be completed and payment, if required, must be received by December 1, 2016. Failure to do so may result in civil action and fines up to \$2,000 per Title 24-A, M.R.S.A. §6304(2). The assessment fee is required to be paid unless you did not practice medicine in the State of Maine during the period of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

If you have questions or concerns related to the assessment fee, the assessment form, or filing exemptions, please e-mail Jane G. Lathrop via e-mail at jane.g.lathrop@maine.gov or telephone her at (207)624-8492.

Sincerely,



Eric A. Cioppa
Superintendent

Enclosures