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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Members Impacted by Recent Weather Emergencies

**FROM:** Patrick Cucinelli, Senior Director of Public Policy Solutions

**DATE:** November 1, 2011

**SUBJECT:** **Weather Emergencies**

**ROUTE TO:** Administrator, CFO

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**ABSTRACT:** DOH issues additional guidance of weather related emergencies.

DOH Message Dated: October 25, 2011

Dear Administrators/Controllers,

A number of questions have been raised by providers and vendors regarding billing procedures during the period of time of Hurricane/Tropical Storm Irene. The attached document states both the general principles and the payment policies that have been developed for the Medicaid program as well as addresses several billing and census questions submitted to our Bureau. These policies are an expansion on the general guidelines sent out on September 28, 2011 to all providers (attached). Examples of the payment policies are in the attached Medicaid Payment Scenarios document.

It should be noted that this document and these payment policies specifically address those providers affected by Hurricane/Tropical Storm Irene which was of a short term nature. While some of these policies may apply to providers affected by Tropical Storm Lee, the duration of time and the impacts are vastly different. Further information as it pertains to Tropical Storm Lee will be forthcoming as the policies and procedures for longer term evacuations and repairs are developed.

Please contact us via email at [bpacr@health.state.ny.us](mailto:bpacr@health.state.ny.us) if you have any questions. Thank you very much and we look forward to continued communications regarding these issues over the next several months.

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Attachments (see below)