

March 13, 2012

Dear Administrator:

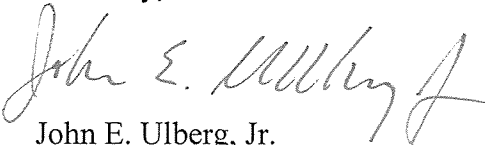
This letter is to inform you that in order to help ensure a smooth transition to the new Episodic Payment System (EPS) applicable to Certified Home Health Agency (CHHA) services, the implementation date of the EPS system will be delayed from April 1, 2012 to May 1, 2012. Providers should continue to submit claims for CHHA services under the current fee-for-service billing system through April 30, 2012.

The delay will provide additional time for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to complete their review and approval of the State Plan Amendment, providers and vendors to complete software modifications and to test billing software for claims submission. Please be advised that the test environment for the EPS remains open during the delay and the Department is encouraging providers and vendors to actively use the test site.

We look forward to continuing to work with providers and vendors to ensure a smooth transition to the new EPS.

If you have any questions, please contact Tim Casey or Charles Tobey at 518.474.1057.

Sincerely,



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Medicaid Chief Financial Officer