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Board of Supervisors
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RE: New Medicare Reporting Requirements

Dear Board Members,

Staff has been informed by County Counsel that new Medicare reporting requirements are now in place and certain actions must take place before October 1, 2009 in order to avoid the possibility of monetary sanctions by the Federal Government.

New rules enacted as part of the revised Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Extension Act of 2007 (MMSEA) require self-insured companies and insurance carriers to report electronically to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) any payments to a Medicare eligible claimant. The County of El Dorado is self insured for third party liability and workers compensation claims. The County uses outside companies to administer those claims. For third party claims, the County contracts with George Hill Company. For Workers Compensation claims, the County contracts with Gregg Bragg and Associates.

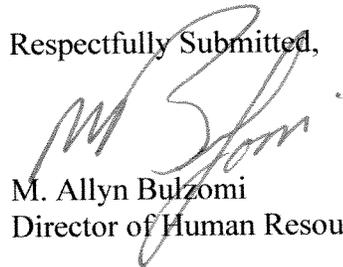
The new rules require that Responsible Reporting Entities (RRE's) take certain actions prior to October 1, 2009 or the RRE can be fined up to \$1,000 per day. The County is a RRE. As an RRE, the County must do the following:

1. The County must designate an Authorized Representative. This is the individual within the County that will have the authority to bind the County to the terms of MMSEA, section 111 requirements. The Authorized Representative will have ultimate accountability for the RRE's compliance with Section 111, and will designate Account Manager(s). Additionally, the Authorized Representative will complete the electronic registration. It is recommended that the Authorized Representative be the Director of Human Resources.
2. The Authorized Representative will complete the online registration process with CMS' Coordination of Benefits Contractor to provide CMS with the County's notice

of intent to report data. Registration must be done on the Coordinator of Benefits Website. As part of the registration process the Authorized Representative will designate Account Manager(s).

As stated previously, the County currently contracts with Gregg Bragg and Associates to administer workers compensation claims and George Hills Company for third party liability claims. Both contracts are currently broad enough so that they do not have to be modified at this time in order to designate them as Account Managers. Both companies are aware of the new reporting requirements and are willing to perform this function.

Respectfully Submitted,



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