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Date: October 15, 2010
TO: Medicaid Skilled Nursing Facilities
From: *PEW* Phil Williams, Assistant Deputy Secretary for Medicaid Finance
Re: Notice of Lease Bond Exemption for FYE 2010-2011

Dear Medicaid Nursing Home Provider:

For State Fiscal Year 2010-2011, the Florida Legislature passed House Bill 5301, which amends section 400.179 (2)(d), Florida Statutes, to include:

By March 31 of each year, the agency shall assess the cumulative fees collected under this subparagraph, minus any amounts used to repay nursing home Medicaid overpayments and amounts transferred to contribute to the General Revenue Fund pursuant to s. 215.20. If the net cumulative collections, minus amounts utilized to repay nursing home Medicaid overpayments, exceed \$25 million, the provisions of this subparagraph shall not apply for the subsequent fiscal year.

In compliance with section 400.179 (2)(d), Florida Statutes, the lease bond requirement has been suspended until a review of the Trust Fund is performed in March, 2011. The review will be completed by March 2011 per above legislation. At that time, if the funds in the Lease Bond Trust Fund do not exceed the \$25 million, the lease bond requirement will be reinstated for applications received after June 30, 2011.

If you have any questions, please contact Stephen Russell in the Nursing Homes Cost Reimbursement section at (850) 412-4104.

