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To: All Indiana Medicaid Home Health Providers

**Subject: Extension of Due Date for Filing Medicaid Annual
Financial Reports for Fiscal Year End December 31,
1998**

Overview

The Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) has granted Medicare providers an additional one month for filing December 31, 1998, fiscal year-end Medicare cost reports. As a result of this extension, the new Medicare cost report due date for providers with a fiscal year end of December 31, 1998, has been extended to June 1, 1999.

In response to this extension by HCFA, the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP) has granted the same extension to home health agencies that, due to participation in the Medicaid program, are required to file an annual financial report. Accordingly, Medicaid cost reports for these home health agencies are due on or before July 1, 1999.

This one month extension for home health agencies with a fiscal year end of December 31, 1998, is automatically granted by the OMPP by notice of this bulletin or prior communication. Furthermore, since this extension is available in response to the HCFA extension, this extension does not preclude an affected home health agency from requesting an extension of the July 1, 1999, due date, in accordance with *405 IAC 1-4.2-3.1(b)*.

If there are questions regarding filing an annual financial report, please contact Myers and Stauffer LC at (317) 846-9521 or 1-800-877-6927.