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To: OHP Stakeholders

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Subject: Proposed Emergency Room Triage Fee Canceled

The Department of Human Services is canceling implementation of the proposed emergency department triage fee policy, which had been planned to become effective January 1, 2007.

The department made this decision based on several factors, including an extensive review of the potential savings involved, the complexity of such a program, and the impact on clients and the health care delivery system.

Although we are no longer considering use of a triage fee, we are continuing to work with providers and clients to identify ways to educate and encourage appropriate use of emergency departments.