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The purpose of this provider focus is to inform you how FirstPlan is implementing the 2009 COLA adjustments. For any further information or clarification, please contact FirstPlan Provider Services at 218-740-2336 or 800-584-9488.

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2009 COLA Rate Adjustments

The purpose of this provider focus is to inform you how FirstPlan is implementing the 2009 COLA adjustments. The 2009 Minnesota Legislature authorized a 2.58% rate reduction effective July 1, 2009 for Fee-for-Service providers, and effective October 1, 2009 for Managed Care Organization providers of certain continuing care and other services (See Minnesota Laws 2009, chapter 79, article 8). Included in this list are Elderly Waivered providers. Because FirstPlan uses County contracted rates, we will reduce all Elderly Waivered and Customized Living payments as of July 1, 2009.

Home and Community Based Service Providers should use the new rate limits published by the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) for services performed as of July 1, 2009 listed in Bulletin #09-69-02 issued by DHS. You can find these rates by going to the DHS website (www.dhs.state.mn.us) and typing 09-69-02 into the search field.

Customized Living, Adult Foster Care, and Residential Care Providers Only

For these providers, included with this letter will be prior authorization notices informing you of affected members with the new rate change.

The 2.58% rate reduction was applied. The remaining rate was compared to the State's 95th percentile group limits for Elderly Waivered members. If found above the July 1, 2009 rate limit set by the State, then the rate was capped at the State's maximum per case mix. If rate was below maximum per case mix, then the standard 2.58% rate reduction was made with no further changes.

If you have questions about these new rates, please refer to DHS 2009 Rate Reduction Frequently Asked Questions letter, otherwise call FirstPlan Provider Services number at 218-740-2336 or 1-800-584-9488.