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INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 641

TO: All Iowa Medicaid Participating Physicians

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services
Iowa Medicaid Enterprise

DATE: September 12, 2007

SUBJECT: Locum Tenens Use

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

*****This replaces Informational Letter No. 634 dated 08-03-07*****

For the practice of locum tenens utilization, Medicaid will continue to follow Medicare guidance found in the current Medicare Claims Processing Manual at 30.2.11. For your convenience, a copy of that guidance can be found at our Provider Services web page in the box reserved for "Important Provider Announcements" at this link:

<http://www.ime.state.ia.us/Providers/index.html>

In the past Iowa Medicaid followed this Medicare policy. Iowa Medicaid will continue to follow Medicare policy for locum tenens. This is pursuant to Iowa Administrative Code (IAC) 441 – 79.9(1), which states that unless a policy is specifically stated in Iowa Code, Medicaid will follow Medicare policy and guidelines.

Information Letter 634 is rescinded and may be disregarded. There is no change to the billing guide as the methodology for billing when a physician is providing services under a locum tenens arrangement is unchanged.

If you have any questions, please contact IME Provider Services, at 1-800-338-7909, or locally in Des Moines at 515-725-1004, or by e-mail at: imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us