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**ILLINOIS HEALTH AND HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION  
M E M O R A N D U M**

SUBJECT: **URGENT ACTION REQUESTED** – July MCO Assessment Payments  
Request for Banking Information

The Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) has advised IHA that it intends to issue the Hospital Assessment payments for July to the MCOs soon. IHA has also been advised by HFS and all five Managed Care Organizations (MCOs), that banking information for several hospitals is necessary for the MCOs to execute payment of the Hospital Assessment Directed and Pass Through payments. Based on information provided by the MCOs, IHA has compiled a complete list of hospitals that need to provide banking information to one or more MCOs. **Therefore, we strongly recommend that each hospital Chief Financial Officer (CFO) promptly review the [Banking Information Request List \(click here\)](#) to determine if information is needed for your facility to be paid by any MCO and, if so, to contact the MCO as directed on the list and provide the banking information it needs, to avoid a delay in receiving your assessment payment.**

**BACKGROUND:** On February 13, 2020 HFS issued a [provider notice \(IHA memo\)](#) alerting hospitals that all Assessment payments from MCOs would be issued directly to hospitals from the MCOs. To facilitate this, **all hospitals** are required to supply **all MCOs** with a copy of the hospital or system W-9 and all banking information needed to execute an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT).

The updated Hospital Assessment program which took effect July 1, 2020, includes both MCO Directed and Pass-Through Payments. As a result nearly ALL hospitals will be eligible to receive some type of Assessment payment from each of the 5 MCOs, regardless of whether the hospital is participating in the MCOs network. In other words, these payments do not require a hospital to be in-network with the MCO.

HFS has advised IHA that the July 2020 Directed and Pass Through payments will be released soon. Due to an unexpected technical complication with setting up the payments for the new State Fiscal Year, these payments have been delayed beyond the intended issue date.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** CFOs are urged to review the [Banking Information Request List](#) to determine if your hospital is listed. If your hospital is listed, one or more MCOs have reported to IHA that the MCO is missing the data needed to execute the assessment payment via an electronic funds transfer (EFT). You should then contact the MCO, using the contact provided on the list, to determine what information the MCO needs from your hospital. If the needed information is not received in time to issue the payment via EFT, the payment to the hospital will be mailed, likely resulting in a significant delay.

If you believe you have already supplied this information, you are still encouraged to contact the MCO to verify receipt or to re-supply the information. Hospitals can also [contact IHA staff](#) with questions.