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To: All IHC medical homes
From: Jonathan Jackson, MS
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RE: HFS Provider Releases via E-Mail/SMART Act

Due to the recent Saving Medicaid Access and Resources Together (SMART) Act legislation, there will be many changes to Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) policies and requirements. HFS will be issuing dozens of HFS Provider Releases to explain these changes during the coming weeks.

Illinois Health Connect (IHC) encourages all IHC enrolled medical homes to sign up to receive these HFS Provider Releases through e-mail notification. To sign up for this e-mail service, go to <http://www.hfs.illinois.gov/provrel/> and select the appropriate categories. IHC recommends that medical homes select "All Medical Assistance Providers" in addition to the specific category of service (for example, "Physicians" or "Federally Qualified Health Centers").

While these HFS Provider Releases are no longer available through the mail, you can also view them online at <http://www.hfs.illinois.gov/releases/>. Information about the SMART Act, including provider fact sheets, client fact sheets and copies of the notices sent to affected clients, is also available online at <http://www2.illinois.gov/hfs/agency/Pages/Budget.aspx>. HFS will continue to update this page.

If you have further questions, please contact your IHC Provider Services Representative or call the IHC Provider Services Help Desk at 1-877-912-1999.