

## STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES Bureau for Medical Services

Bill J. Crouch Cabinet Secretary Cynthia E. Beane Commissioner

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**Dental Providers** 

RE: Rate Reimbursement

Due to the World Health Organization declaring Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) a pandemic, the West Virginia Bureau for Medical Services (BMS) seeks to implement rate reimbursements during the period of the Presidential and Secretarial emergency declarations.

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Medical Services (BMS) is pleased to announce dental fees were increased by ten percent (10%) effective April 1, 2020. Due to the COVID19 pandemic, the April 1, 2020 rates are being increased an additional fifteen (15%) with a retroactive effective date of February 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020. Claims submitted with a date of service during this time period will be paid or reprocessed to pay at this new rate. No action is required on the providers' part.

BMS appreciates your continued dedication and efforts in assisting West Virginia's most vulnerable populations during this national crisis. BMS will continue to monitor the situation and work closely with our state and federal partners gathering further information and directives and will provide further notification if an extension is received.