

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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To: Sharon.Johnson@khpa.ks.gov
CC: <Sharon.Johnson@khpa.ks.gov>, <rebecca.ross@khpa.ks.gov>
Date: 1/29/2009 12:21 PM
Subject: Provider Rate Cuts

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1. Have you recently (or in the past year) made provider rate cuts?
2. Were these cuts across-the-board or by specific providers?
3. What was the total amount/percentage of the cuts?
4. What problems with either CMS or stakeholders did you experience?
5. If you implemented rate cuts, how long did it take you to implement?

Thank you very much for your time and assistance with this request.

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From: Felicity Myers
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Date: 2/2/2009 10:07 AM
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SC responses in bold after each question

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1. Have you recently (or in the past year) made provider rate cuts? **SC response: Yes, we reduced a number of rates this past Fall**
2. Were these cuts across-the-board or by specific providers? **SC response: We reduced most provider rates, but the percent of reduction varied and there were a few provider groups, such as audiologists and neonatologists, that were held harmless.**
3. What was the total amount/percentage of the cuts? **SC response: Again this varied. The major reductions were: physicians fee schedule by 2%, private rehab therapists (OT, PT, S/LP) by 5%, DME equipment and supplies by 3%, j-codes by 3%, nursing home R&B for hospice patients by 2%.**
4. What problems with either CMS or stakeholders did you experience? **SC response: We did not experience problems with CMS but got a good deal of pushback from providers. Our legislature came back in for a special budget session after our cuts and passed a proviso that prohibited us from making any additional rate cuts.**
5. If you implemented rate cuts, how long did it take you to implement? **SC response: roughly 5 weeks. I would not recommend moving that fast as it meant we could not do adequate testing to ensure everything was loaded correctly. No major glitches.**

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