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To the Honorable Members of the Illinois General Assembly:

In compliance with the requirements set forth Public Acts <u>95-1045</u> and <u>99-0433</u>, the Department of Healthcare and Family Services hereby submits a report acknowledging that the provisions established in statute have been implemented.

The statute requires the Department to "establish a rate methodology for mammography at federally qualified health centers and other encounter-rate clinics" and report to the General Assembly on the status of the implementation of this provision.

A methodology has been established. This methodology allows FQHCs to bill outside their encounter rate for mammography services using the same billing codes as other providers and pays them the same rates as other provider types. Although volume is small, as few FQHCs have the capability, the first FQHC to take advantage of the methodology began billing in FY 2015.

Sincerely,

Theresa Eagleson

Director