

STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL & FINANCIAL REGULATION BUREAU OF INSURANCE



Janet T. Mills Governor Anne L. Head DPFR Commissioner Timothy N. Schott Acting Superintendent

November 1, 2023

RE: Rural Medical Access Program assessment for fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Dear Physician,

The Rural Medical Access Program ("RMAP") was created to promote prenatal services in underserved, rural areas of the state of Maine by providing medical malpractice premium assistance to medical professionals who provide those services. Per Title 24-A M.R.S. §6302, the RMAP is funded though assessments on the medical malpractice premiums of physicians practicing in Maine, Maine hospitals, and Maine-practicing physicians' employers.

Many insurance companies collect the yearly assessment as part of the billed medical malpractice premiums. An insurance company has not reported that they have collected your RMAP assessment. Because we have not received your RMAP assessment, it appears that you were either self-insured, insured through an unauthorized insurer, insured through a risk retention group, and thus are considered self-insured, receive medical malpractice liability protection through the Federal Tort Claims Act, or completely ceased practicing medicine in Maine in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.

Please complete the enclosed assessment form and remit any assessments due by <u>December 1, 2023</u>. If you are not required to pay the assessment because you did not practice medicine in Maine during this period or received your medical malpractice liability protection through the Federal Tort Claims Act, simply indicate so on the enclosed assessment form.

Per Title 24-A, M.R.S. §6304(2), failure to support the RMAP may result in civil action and fines up to \$2,000.

If you have questions or concerns related to the assessment fee, the assessment form or filing exemptions, please contact Jane G. Lathrop at <u>jane.g.lathrop@maine.gov</u> or (207) 624-8492.

Sincerely,

Jane G. Lathrop, CFE enclosures

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