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The Honorable Barbara Flynn Currie  
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The Honorable Rosemary Mulligan  
State Representative  
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The Honorable Mattie Hunter  
State Senator  
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The Honorable Dale Righter  
State Senator  
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Dear Senators and Representatives:

As you are aware, the Department of Human Services (DHS) intends to begin the conversion to a fee-for-service payment method in fiscal year 2005 for a significant number of our providers. As part of that planning effort, DHS has been working in cooperation with the House Special Committee on Fee-For-Service Initiatives and the Governor’s Office to develop a series of Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs).

DHS believes that providers converted from a grant to a fee-for-service post payment system will be entitled to prompt payment as defined in the State Prompt Payment Act (30 ILCS 540/0.01 et seq), subject to the rules and policies promulgated by the Comptroller and the Department of Central Management Services.

Sincerely,

Carol L. Adams, Ph.D.
Secretary