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Dear Healthcare Practitioner and Office Staff Members:

As you may be aware, in early December 2006 significant changes to the Resource Based Relative Value Scale (RBRVS) fee schedule were proposed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) that would have likely resulted in an overall decrease in reimbursement to providers and practitioners. However, Congress acted in late December and CMS responded by publishing a revised RBRVS schedule on December 21, 2006 that, in effect, removed the conversion factor reduction. We were pleased that the previously communicated reductions were reversed.

Throughout the last minute changes, Presbyterian worked to maintain maximum flexibility in adapting to the final decisions made at the federal level and we are working diligently to load the new fee schedule into our claims system as quickly as possible. As a result of our efforts, we are pleased to advise that there will be a minimal delay in receipt of payment for claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2007. We anticipate that the delay will be approximately 5-7 business days.

As the final details of the new fee schedule are released, Presbyterian will be communicating to inform you of the specific changes. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact your Provider Services Coordinator or myself at the e-mail address listed below. And, as always, thank you for partnering with us to improve the health of individuals, families and communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail D. Blackwell".

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