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 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Federal Financial Participation in State Assistance Expenditures;
 Federal Matching Shares for Medicaid, the State Children's Health
 Insurance Program, and Aid to Needy Aged, Blind, or Disabled Persons
 for October 1, 2003 Through September 30, 2004

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DHHS.

ACTION: Notice.

 SUMMARY: The Federal Medical Assistance Percentages and Enhanced
 Federal Medical Assistance Percentages for Fiscal Year 2004 have been
 calculated pursuant to the Social Security Act (the Act). These
 percentages will be effective from October 1, 2003 through September
 30, 2004. This notice announces the calculated ``Federal Medical
 Assistance Percentages'' and ``Enhanced Federal Medical Assistance
 Percentages'' that we will use in determining the amount of Federal
 matching for State medical assistance (Medicaid) and State Children's
 Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) expenditures, and Temporary Assistance
 for Needy Families (TANF) Contingency Funds, the federal share of Child
 Support Enforcement collections, Child Care Mandatory and Matching
 Funds for the Child Care and Development Fund, Foster Care Title IV-E
 Maintenance payments, and Adoption Assistance payments. The table give
 figures for each of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto

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Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of
 the Northern Mariana Islands. Programs under title XIX of the Act exist
 in each jurisdiction; programs under titles I, X, and XIV operate only
 in Guam and the Virgin Islands; while a program under title XVI (Aid to
 the Aged, Blind, or Disabled) operates only in Puerto Rico. Programs
 under title XXI began functioning in fiscal year 1998. The percentages
 in this notice apply to State expenditures for most medical services
 and medical insurance services, and assistance payments for certain
 social services. The statute provides separately for Federal matching
 of administrative costs.

Sections 1905(b) and 1101(a)(8)(B) of the Act require the Secretary
 of Health and Human Services to publish the Federal Medical Assistance
 Percentages each year. The Secretary is to figure the percentages, by
 formulas in sections 1905(b) and 1101(a)(8)(B), from a Department of
 Commerce's statistics of average income per person in each State and in
 the Nation as a whole. The percentages are within the upper and lower
 limits given in section 1905(b) of the Act. The percentages to be
 applied to the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands,
 Guam, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands are specified in
 statute, and thus are not based on the statutory formula that
 determines the percentage for the 50 states.

The ``Federal Medical Assistance Percentages'' are for Medicaid.
 Section 1905(b) of the Act specifies the formula for calculating
 Federal Medical Assistance Percentages as follows:

``Federal medical assistance percentage'' for any State shall be
 100 per centum less the State percentage; and the State percentage
 shall be that percentage which bears the same ratio to 45 per centum
 as the square of the per capita income of such State bears to the
 square of the per capita income of the continental United States
 (including Alaska) and Hawaii; except that (1) the Federal medical
 assistance percentage shall in no case be less than 50 per centum or
 more than 83 per centum, (2) the Federal medical assistance for
 Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands,
 and American Samoa shall be 50 per centum.

A provision in the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000 modified the formula to calculate the percentages to be applied to Alaska for fiscal years 2001 through 2005. For Alaska only, the formula requires dividing the state's three-year average per capita income by 10.5 instead of 1.0. Section 2105(b) of the Act specifies the formula for calculating the Enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentages as follows:

The ``enhanced FMAP'', for a State for a fiscal year, is equal to the Federal medical assistance percentage (as defined in the first sentence of section 1905(b)) for the State increased by a number of percentage points equal to 30 percent of the number of percentage points by which (1) such Federal medical assistance percentage for the State, is less than (2) 100 percent; but in no case shall the enhanced FMAP for a State exceed 85 percent.

The ``Enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentages'' are for use in the State Children's Health Insurance Program under Title XXI, and in the Medicaid program for certain children for expenditures for medical assistance described in sections 1095(u)(2) and 1905(u)(3) of the Act. There is no specific requirement to publish the Enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentages. We include them in this notice for the convenience of the States.

EFFECTIVE DATES: The percentages listed will be effective for each of the 4 quarter-year periods in the period beginning October 1, 2003 and ending September 30, 2004.

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(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.558: TANF Contingency Funds; 93.563: Child Support Enforcement; 93-596: Child Care Mandatory and Matching Funds for the Child Care and Development Fund; 93.658: Foster Care Title IV-E; 93.659: Adoption Assistance; 93.778: Medical Assistance Program; 93.767: State Children's Health Insurance Program)

Dated: October 30, 2002.
Tommy G. Thompson,
Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Federal Medical Assistance Percentages and Enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentages
[Effective October 1, 2003-September 30, 2004 (Fiscal Year 2004)]

State	Federal medical assistance percentages	Enhanced Federal medical assistance percentages
Alabama.....	70.75	79.53
Alaska**.....	58.39	70.87
American Samoa*.....	50.00	65.00
Arizona.....	67.26	77.08
Arkansas.....	74.67	82.27
California.....	50.00	65.00
Colorado.....	50.00	65.00
Connecticut.....	50.00	65.00
Delaware.....	50.00	65.00
District of Columbia**.....	70.00	79.00
Florida.....	58.93	71.25
Georgia.....	59.58	71.71
Guam*.....	50.00	65.00
Hawaii.....	58.90	71.23
Idaho.....	70.46	79.32
Illinois.....	50.00	65.00
Indiana.....	62.32	73.62
Iowa.....	63.93	74.75
Kansas.....	60.82	72.57
Kentucky.....	70.09	79.06

Louisiana.....	71.63	80.14
Maine.....	66.01	76.21
Maryland.....	50.00	65.00
Massachusetts.....	50.00	65.00
Michigan.....	55.89	69.12
Minnesota.....	50.00	65.00
Mississippi.....	77.08	83.96
Missouri.....	61.47	73.03
Montana.....	72.85	81.00
Nebraska.....	59.89	71.92
Nevada.....	54.93	68.45
New Hampshire.....	50.00	65.00
New Jersey.....	50.00	65.00
New Mexico.....	74.85	82.40
New York.....	50.00	65.00
North Carolina.....	62.85	74.00
North Dakota.....	68.31	77.82
Northern Mariana Islands*.....	50.00	65.00
Ohio.....	59.23	71.46
Oklahoma.....	70.24	79.17
Oregon.....	60.81	72.57
Pennsylvania.....	54.76	68.33
Puerto Rico*.....	50.00	65.00
Rhode Island.....	56.03	69.22
South Carolina.....	69.86	78.90
South Dakota.....	65.67	75.97
Tennessee.....	64.40	75.08
Texas.....	60.22	72.15
Utah.....	71.72	80.20
Vermont.....	61.34	72.94
Virgin Islands*.....	50.00	65.00
Virginia.....	50.00	65.00
Washington.....	50.00	65.00
West Virginia.....	75.19	82.63
Wisconsin.....	58.41	70.89
Wyoming.....	59.77	71.84

 *\ For purposes of section 1118 of the Social Security Act, the percentage used under titles I, X, XIV, and XVI will be 75 per centum.

**\ The values for Alaska and the District of Columbia in the table were set for the state plan under titles XIX and XXI and for capitation payments and DSH allotments under those titles. For other purposes, including programs remaining in Title IV of the Act, the percentage for D.C. is 50.00.

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