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RE: 2009 WV Small Business Plan
Physician and Provider Network Participation Notice

Dear Physicians and Health Care Community,

The West Virginia Small Business Plan is an innovative health insurance option that helps small employers provide coverage for their workers. Since 2004, when the Small Business Plan became available, significant numbers of West Virginia's "Mom and Pop shops" have been able to offer their workers comprehensive health insurance. It is the smallest companies--those with 2-9 employees--that have the most difficult time finding coverage and it is those very people who find a more affordable way under the WV Small Business Plan.

Your continued participation in the physician and provider network of the Small Business Plan is vital to its continued success. To remain in the Small Business Plan network, you do not need to take any action—your services will stay under the network. If you choose to not offer care to persons under the Plan, the procedure for opting out is explained in the contents of this mailing. Providers have until May 31 to make this decision.

The Small Business Plan's Web site, www.wvsbp.org provides a complete explanation about how it operates. Click on the tab titled "Physician and Provider Information" for more details that are of interest to those who deliver care. Please also take a few minutes to carefully read the enclosed information. If you still have questions, the appropriate contact people are listed under the section titled "For More Information."

I'm asking our health care community to be part of the solution to making health care affordable and accessible for working adults and their families. Being within the network of the Small Business Plan is one component of that solution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Manchin III".

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