

**Healthy Families Program Monthly Premiums and Co-Payments WILL Increase**  
**November 1, 2009**

In order to help fill the funding shortfall, MRMIB voted to implement the following measures that will take effect on November 1<sup>st</sup> 2009:

- New members must enroll in a DMO for the first 2 years of enrollment; after 2 years members can enroll in a DPO during annual open enrollment.
- Increase co-pays from \$5 to \$10 for non-preventative services including: outpatient services, outpatient mental health, home healthcare, alcohol and drug abuse services, physical, occupation and speech therapy, biofeedback, acupuncture, chiropractic, and certain dental and vision benefits.
- Increase co-pays from \$5 to \$15 for emergency services unless hospitalized.
- Increase co-pays from \$5 to \$10 for generic prescription drugs, and to \$15 for name-brand drugs (or \$10 if no generic is available)
- Increase premiums for Categories B and C:
  - Category B (150-200% FIG): increase from \$12 to \$16 per child and increase the family maximum from \$36 to \$48
  - Category C (200-250% FIG): increase from \$17 to \$24 per child and increase the family maximum from \$51 to \$72

It is important that you notify families of these increases in premiums and co-payments. Remember, there are ways in which families can save money on their premiums by paying 3 months' in advance and receive the 4<sup>th</sup> month free; paying premium payments via Electronic Fund Transfer and receive a 25% discount; or choosing a Community Provider Health Plan which offer coverage at a discounted rate. Also, the family's income can be reviewed to see if they are eligible to pay lower premium. Families must submit the [Premium Re-evaluation Form](#), or call 1-800-880-5305 to receive a pre-filled out form, to see if their premium will change.