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Dear Provider Community:

Washington State and our nation have experienced a year unprecedented since the Great Depression. Due to this economic crisis we do not have the money to pay for the level of benefits we have provided in the past. Many state and local government programs are being reduced or eliminated due to state revenue shortages.

We must also make reductions in the Crime Victims Compensation Program. Without these reductions the program would be closed to many future crime victims. We have worked hard to keep in place benefits that still serve most all victims and the most critical services.

To ensure the program will continue to be available to crime victims, the Washington State Legislature limited benefits available to crime victims. A new law has passed that limits total benefits available to a crime victim to \$50,000 and reduces the levels of other benefits.

Information about this new law can be found on the Legislature's Web site at <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=6504&year=2009>.

Read a fact sheet outlining how this new law changes the benefits of the Crime Victims Compensation Program at <http://www.Lni.wa.gov/ClaimsIns/Files/CrimeVictims/CvcReductionsFactSheet.pdf>.

We regret that these changes are necessary and we are available to respond to any questions or concerns you have about this new law.

Sincerely,

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