

**Responses to Comments Received  
Federal Register Notice on Extension of  
Enhanced Medicaid Primary Care Payments**

CMS received one comment on the September 15, 2014 notice extension of the Medicaid primary care increase. The commenter was Kay Ghahremani, Director of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

**Comment on Funding Increase at 100 percent Federal Financial Participation**

Ms. Ghahremani supports extending the enhanced payments but indicates that 100 percent FFP should be available for the difference between the Medicare parity rate and the current Medicaid rate, rather than the July 1, 2009 Medicaid rate. This is because Texas decreased rates by two percent in 2009 and has had to fund that difference without 100 percent FFP.

**Comment on Attestation Requirements**

Ms. Ghahremani suggests that the attestation requirements used to qualify providers be simplified and that the rate increase be applied to all eligible providers.

**CMS Response**

None of these actions can be taken without specific changes in the statute. Should Congress make such changes, CMS will consider these suggestions.