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To: Insurance Carrier and Self Insured Employer Claims Handling Offices

From: Judy Norman-Nunnery, Division Administrator

Subject: Decertification of Caredata.Com Health Cost Fee Data Base

<u>Purposes</u>: To announce decertification of the Caredata.Com health cost fee database effective July 1, 2000.

Background: The Department has determined that the applicant for certification of its health cost fee data base, Caredata.Com, no longer meets the requirements for certification under DWD 80.72(7), Wis. Adm. Code. The certification issued August 2, 2000, for the period of July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001, is decertified.

Beginning December 15, 2000, the Department will not order or otherwise support reductions in health service fee reimbursements based on formula amounts for services provided after July 1, 2000 represented by the Caredata.Com health cost fee data base.

Insurers who currently use this database to support reductions in health service reimbursements cannot represent Caredata.Com data base formula amounts as certified by the State of Wisconsin in their health service fee bill-reduction or bill review processes.

Action Requested: Insurers who use the Caredata.Com health cost fee database are to immediately cease making any representations that data from the Caredata. Com database is certified data that supports reductions in health cost fee services for services after July 1, 2000.

Insurers should consider the use of another of the State's certified databases. A list of certified data bases and contact information is on the reverse side of this letter.

Inquiries: If you have questions about this matter, contact Lee Shorey at (608) 267-9407 or e-mail him at **shorel@dwd.state.wi.us**

Enclosures: None

References: None