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To the patients of Bourbon County Health Department (BCHD):

The Bourbon County Health Department will not be accepting KY Spirit for payment for Preventive Medicaid services effective January 1, 2013. This unfortunate decision was made because KY Spirit is not paying according to their contract with the Kentucky Department of Health resulting in a shortage of revenue to operate the local health department. Essentially, the local health departments have been put in a financial crisis due to the breach in this contract for services provided for those Medicaid patients under the management of KY Spirit since their inception on November 1, 2011. Because of this continuation of non-payment, the tax payers of Bourbon County have been covering the cost of these services. This practice is not sustainable and cannot be continued.

Those under the care of KY Spirit who would like to continue receiving services at Bourbon County Health Department have options. Patients can choose to pay based on our sliding fee scale according to the Federal Uniform Percentage Payment Schedule or change to one of the other Managed Care Organizations (MCO), which are Coventry and WellCare. To switch, simply call the Kentucky Medicaid office at 855-446-1245 and ask to change. This letter should serve as proper documentation to allow BCHD patients to transfer to another MCO provider. For additional information, contact the health department at (859) 987-1915.

We regret any inconvenience to our patients and wish to continue serving the people of Bourbon County to the best of our abilities.

Sincerely,

Andrew Beckett, MPH Public Health Director I

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