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## An important announcement from Richard B. Toll, M.D., MVMA President

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### Fee Increase

The MVMA Board of Directors has approved a fee increase for our physicians, effective July 1, 2003. The MVMA fee schedule, with few exceptions, will be based on a conversion factor of \$46.72, utilizing 2003 regionally adjusted Medicare Relative Value Units (RVU). This is essentially a 4 percent fee increase in the aggregate. Withhold exposure will remain at 10 percent.

### Participating Physician Agreement

The updated MVMA Participating Physician Agreement was mailed to all IPA physicians in mid-April. This agreement has undergone lengthy review by the New York State Department of Health and was recently approved. MVMA's 1995 form of provider agreement had to be updated due to the adoption of New York's Managed Care Reform Act of 1996, HIPAA and the Department of Health's provider contract guidelines, as well as changes in MVMA's contract with MVP Health Plan, Inc.

It is essential that your agreement be signed and returned to us within 30 days. This will enable us to update our information indicating that you wish to continue your participation. It is advisable to keep a copy of your signed agreement for your files. If you have not received this mailing, please contact us immediately. If you have not received this mailing, please contact us immediately at 388-2461.

### In-Office Radiology List

Please see the enclosed listing of approved imaging studies allowed in-office. This has been updated to incorporate 2003 coding changes. Note that we are in the process of reviewing accreditation for each practice currently performing imaging in-office, and evaluating requests to provide this service in the future. MVMA's policy is that offices providing imaging services must be American College of Radiology (ACR) or American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine (AIUM) accredited. For offices performing DEXA scans, ISCD certification must be in place for reimbursement to occur.

