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**TO:** Board of Hearing Aid Dispensers licensees and interested parties

**FROM:** The Montana Board of Hearing Aid Dispensers and Department of Labor & Industry

**DATE:** March 21, 2013

**RE:** Important Notice - Assessment

The Board of Hearing Aid Dispensers (Board) met on March 15, 2013 to discuss its financial status. As you may recall, the Board updated its licensees in a letter dated September 7, 2012 regarding the options available to address its insolvency. Despite efforts to implement cost-saving measures, the financial situation has not improved since that time.

Therefore, this notice is to inform you that the Department of Labor and Industry (Department) will assess one-time charges to all of the Board's licensees to return the Board to solvency, as required by Mont. Code Ann. § 37-1-101(9). At its March 15 meeting, the Board approved assessing all active licensees \$1,000 and all inactive licensees \$150, which may be paid in two (2) increments **by June 30, 2013**. These one-time charges are in addition to the license renewal fee. The Department anticipates sending all licensees an invoice the last week of April 2013 for the assessment only; renewal notices will be sent separately the first week of May 2013.

Concerned persons may present their data, views, or arguments in writing concerning this notice by contacting the Board of Hearing Aid Dispensers, 301 South Park Avenue, P.O. Box 200513, Helena, Montana 59620-0513; by facsimile to (406) 841-2305; or by e-mail to [dlibsdhad@mt.gov](mailto:dlibsdhad@mt.gov), and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., April 22, 2013.

Please note, all actions that can be taken to reduce the costs to the Board are occurring. The Department has stopped all activity related to the Board except for licensing and renewal of licenses until after June 30, 2013.