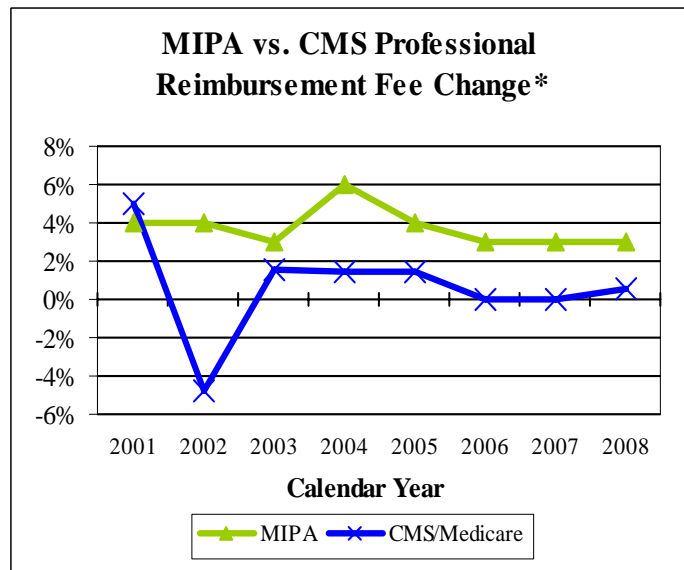


## Montefiore IPA Continues to Exceed CMS Rate Changes

Over the years, when compared to CMS Medicare whose rate increases have varied significantly, CMO has consistently provided rate increases for IPA Network Providers. As the accompanying graph illustrates, in each of the last seven years, the Montefiore IPA professional reimbursement fee increases have **exceeded** the CMS Medicare fee increase. Montefiore IPA fees have increased 30% (3.75 % per year) since 2000, whereas CMS Medicare fees have increased only a total of 5.3%. The Montefiore IPA 2008 fee schedule aggregates to approximately 105% of CMS Medicare.

Additionally, in 2007, all IPA plans, products and lines of business were combined to share a single professional fee schedule. Therefore Commercial, Medicaid and Medicare products are all paid on the same fee schedule thus resulting in a higher Medicaid reimbursement rate.

CMO currently supports over 2,500 IPA credentialed professionals and provides services to 108,000 health plan members.



\*The percentages denoted are related to the then current year CMS Medicare fee schedule. Some fees are set at specific rates or a higher/ lower % of Medicare.