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TO: Providers of Pharmaceutical Services – For Action
Physicians, Podiatrists, Certified Nurse Specialists, Nurse
Practitioners – For Information Only
Health Maintenance Organizations – For Information Only

SUBJECT: Changes to Monthly Prescription Volume Threshold Process
(MPTP)

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

PURPOSE: To notify providers of pharmaceutical services of changes in the
Monthly Prescription Volume Threshold Process (MPTP).

BACKGROUND: On December 1, 1999, the New Jersey Division of Medical
Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) implemented the
Monthly Prescription Volume Threshold (MPTP) Process. See Medicaid Newsletter,
Volume 9, No. 70, dated November 1999, for additional information concerning this
process.

Due to the concerns of pharmacies participating in the Medicaid program, DMAHS is
amending MPTP procedures to exempt additional drugs and certain Medicaid
beneficiaries and is also amending the method used to identify prescriptions subject to
the MPTP.

ACTION: Effective immediately, DMAHS has amended its MPTP as indicated
below:

- (1) All non-legend drugs are exempt from the MPTP,
- (2) All lock-in beneficiaries are exempt from the MPTP, and
- (3) DMAHS has implemented a “staggering” process to assign the start date for
counting prescriptions in the MPTP during a calendar month.

- As part of this process, the tenth (10th) digit of the beneficiary identification number shall be used to assign the date for starting the count of prescriptions during a calendar month.
- The MPTP shall start for beneficiaries with the values of 0 to 3 in the 10th position of the beneficiary identification number on the first (1st) day of the calendar month.
- For beneficiaries with the values of 4 to 6 in the 10th position, the MPTP shall start on the tenth (10th) day of the calendar month.
- For beneficiaries with the values of 7 to 9 in the 10th position, the MPTP shall start on the twentieth (20th) day of the calendar month.

Effective April 1, 2000, the MPTP threshold value was set to 12. DMAHS will monitor the MPTP to evaluate a timeline for assigning future changes to the MPTP threshold value. Providers of pharmaceutical services will be notified of future changes by Medicaid Newsletter.

If you have any questions concerning this Newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact First Health Services at 1-877-888-2939 or the Chief, Pharmaceutical Services, at (609) 588-2724.

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