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TO: Providers of Pharmaceutical Services, Physicians, Independent Clinics - **For Action**

SUBJECT: **Change in Work First New Jersey/General Assistance Policy Concerning Coverage and Reimbursement for HIV/AIDS Drugs**

EFFECTIVE: Claims with service dates on or after July 1, 2000

PURPOSE: **To amend Newsletters Volume 10, No. 43 and No. 44**

BACKGROUND: Work First New Jersey/General Assistance beneficiaries diagnosed with HIV/AIDS are eligible for coverage of certain medications through the AIDS Drugs Distribution Program. These drugs include thymidine nucleosides, thymidine analogs, protease inhibitors, nucleoside analog reverse transcriptase inhibitors, non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors, carbocyclic nucleoside analogs, purine nucleoside analogs of deoxyadenosine, and pyrimidine nucleoside analogs. WFNJ/GA beneficiaries diagnosed with HIV/AIDS are to enroll in the ADDP as of July 1, 2000.

The WFNJ/GA/ADDP beneficiary will select a pharmacy to provide ADDP-covered services. The selected pharmacy will receive a notification letter from ADDP announcing the beneficiary's name, ADDP eligibility identification number, effective date, expiration date, address, a listing of ADDP covered HIV/AIDS drugs and billing instructions.

ACTION: In order to prevent any disruption of services to General Assistance (GA) beneficiaries while the enrollment process is being completed, the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) will continue to reimburse providers of pharmaceutical services for any HIV/AIDS drugs covered by ADDP and supplied to a WFNJ/GA beneficiary.

For claims with service dates on or after July 1, 2000, Error Code 402 will not deny pharmacy claims. A message will be provided through Error Code 402 advising the pharmacists of those HIV/AIDS drugs eligible for ADDP coverage and requesting that the pharmacists assist the patient in enrolling in ADDP. DMAHS will closely monitor the application process used to enroll WFNJ/GA beneficiaries in ADDP to

identify those beneficiaries who may require assistance in completing the ADDP application. The Division will reach out to providers serving WFNJ/GA beneficiaries who may be eligible for ADDP to request their assistance in completing the ADDP application.

During this transition period, we are asking for your support in assisting these beneficiaries in enrolling in ADDP. If you are providing services to a WFNJ/GA beneficiary who should be enrolled in ADDP, we request that you call, or have the beneficiary call, the following numbers for an ADDP application and that you assist the beneficiary in completing the application. A supply of applications can be sent to you if you would like to keep them in stock. Please call either of the numbers below for applications.

General AIDS Hotline – 800-624-2377

ADDP General Information Number – 609-588-7038

If you have any questions regarding this Newsletter, please contact the Chief, Pharmaceutical Services, Office of Utilization Management, DMAHS, at (609) 588-2724, or the Unisys Pharmacy Consultant at (609) 588-6039.

If you have any questions regarding ADDP, please contact Kathleen Mason, Director of PAAD, Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), at (609) 588-7032.

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