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- TO:** Providers of Pharmaceutical Services – **For Action**
Health Maintenance Organizations – For Information Only
- SUBJECT:** **RESCINDING OF NEWSLETTER VOLUME 10, No. 50, DATED JULY 2000:** “Revised Federal Upper Limits of Payment for Maximum Allowable Cost (MAC) Drugs (APPENDIX B)”
- EFFECTIVE:** **IMMEDIATELY**
- PURPOSE:** *To notify providers of pharmaceutical services and health maintenance organizations to disregard Newsletter Volume 10, No. 50, dated July 2000.*
- BACKGROUND:** Newsletter Volume 10, No. 50, dated July 2000 was intended to notify providers of pharmaceutical services of changes to the current listing of MAC drugs as described in APPENDIX B (Rev. 10/98) of Newsletter Volume 8, No. 71, dated December 1998.
- This change was to be effective for claims with service dates on or after August 1, 2000.***
- ACTION:** The Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) recently announced its intentions to postpone implementation of revised Federal Upper Limits of payment for Maximum Allowable Cost (MAC) drugs scheduled to be effective for pharmacy claims with service dates on or after August 1, 2000. **As a result, providers of pharmaceutical services will continue to be reimbursed for MAC drugs in accordance with Newsletter Volume 8, No.71, dated December 1998.** Providers will be notified via a separate Newsletter regarding revised Federal Upper Limits of payment for Maximum Allowable Cost drugs once these limits are finalized by HCFA.

Note: The Federal upper limits of payment for Maximum Allowable Cost (MAC) drugs are applicable to the Medicaid FFS beneficiaries, NJ KidCare FFS beneficiaries, General Assistance (GA) program, the AIDS Drug Distribution Program (ADDP), the Cystic Fibrosis (CF) program and the Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD) program. Products listed in APPENDIX B may not be covered by the Medicaid and/or the PAAD programs or may require prior authorization in accordance with existing DMAHS policies.

If you have any questions regarding this Newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact the Chief, Pharmaceutical Services, DMAHS, at (609) 588-2724, or the Unisys Pharmacy Consultant at (609) 588-6039.

If you have any questions regarding PAAD, ADDP or CF, please contact Kathleen M. Mason, Director, Office of Support Services for the Aged, Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), at 609) 588-7032.

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