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TO: Providers of Pharmaceutical Services - **For Action**
Health Maintenance Organizations - **For Information Only**

SUBJECT: Postponement of TPL and Medicare Drug Coverage
Policy Changes

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

PURPOSE: To notify providers of pharmaceutical services of the decision by the New Jersey Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) to postpone implementation of Third Party Liability (TPL) and Medicare drug coverage changes for Medicaid-covered prescription drugs. **These changes shall apply only to Medicaid and not the PAAD program.**

BACKGROUND: The Medicaid Newsletters Volume 10, No. 47 and Volume 10, No. 54, both dated July 24, 2000, notified providers of pharmaceutical services of changes in Medicaid policy concerning fee-for-service (FFS) reimbursement for covered pharmaceutical services that are eligible for payment by TPL insurers and Medicare. These policy changes were to be effective for claims with service dates on or after September 1, 2000.

ACTION: The New Jersey DMAHS is postponing implementation of the TPL and Medicare drug coverage policy changes. These policy changes shall apply to pharmacy claims with service dates **on or after October 1, 2000.**

If you have any questions concerning this Newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact the Chief, Pharmaceutical Services, DMAHS, at (609) 588-2724.

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