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TO: Providers of Pharmaceutical Services – **For Action**
Health Maintenance Organization – **For Information Only**

SUBJECT: **Additional Changes Average Wholesale Prices**

EFFECTIVE: Claims with service dates on or after November 15, 2000.

PURPOSE: To notify providers of pharmaceutical services of decisions by the New Jersey Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) and the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) to (1) return to pre-National Association of Medical Fraud Control Unit (NAMFCU) Average Wholesale Prices (AWPs) for certain prescription drugs; and (2) price these claims based on the State's normal pricing formula.

BACKGROUND: The DMAHS/DHSS Newsletters Volume 10, No. 51, dated July 2000, notified providers of pharmaceutical services of new pricing procedures implemented by First Data Bank (FDB) as a consequence of the NAMFCU settlement. These pricing procedures significantly reduced AWP's for 50 drugs. The Newsletter provided a list of those drug products affected by the settlement. Providers were also notified of DMAHS/DHSS' decision to modify pharmacy reimbursement for these 50 drugs by eliminating the ten (10) percent discount normally applied to pharmacy claims.

As the result of a recent decision by the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) not to require pricing using the new AWP's for 17 of the 50 drugs affected by the NAMFCU settlement, DMAHS and DHSS are returning the AWP's for these drug products to their original values (pre-NAMFCU); and are changing reimbursement so that it is based on the State's normal pricing formula.

ACTION: Effective for claims with service dates on or after November 15, 2000, reimbursement by the Medicaid, General Assistance (GA), Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD), AIDS Drug Distribution (ADDP) and Cystic Fibrosis (CF) programs for the drug products listed on the attachment shall be based on the lower of a pharmacy's usual and customary charge, or a drug's AWP (pre-NAMFCU) less 10 percent plus a dispensing fee of \$3.37 to \$4.07. A Maximum Allowable Cost (MAC) price shall continue to apply to these claims, if appropriate.

If you have any questions concerning this Newsletter, please contact the Chief, Pharmaceutical Services, DMAHS, at (609) 588-2724.

If you have any questions concerning the PAAD, ADDP or CF programs, please contact the PAAD Pharmaceutical Consultant, at (609) 588-7034.

Attachment

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National Drug Codes to be returned to Pre-NAMFCU Values

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