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TO: All Providers- **For Action**
Health Maintenance Organizations - **For Information Only**

SUBJECT: **DHSS NPI Contingency Plan**

EFFECTIVE: Claims submitted on or after May 23, 2007

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Newsletter is to notify New Jersey Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD), Senior Gold (SG), and AIDS Drug Distribution Program (ADDP) providers of the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) NPI Contingency Plan for implementing National Provider Identifier (NPI) provisions.

BACKGROUND: The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) established a May 23, 2007 deadline for implementing NPI provisions. On April 2, 2007, CMS extended the deadline to May 23, 2008. Covered entities making a good faith effort to comply with the NPI provisions may, for up to 12 months, implement a Contingency Plan in order to maintain operations and cash flows.

The purpose of this Newsletter is to announce the DHSS NPI Contingency Plan to covered entities that participate in the PAAD, SG and AADP programs as approved providers.

It is the State's intention to continue aggressive outreach efforts to capture NPI information.

ACTION: **DHSS NPI Contingency Plan**

All PAAD/Medicaid providers who are covered entities <u>are required</u> to notify the PAAD/Medicaid program of their NPI, once they have received the NPI from the NPI Enumerator. Providers transmitting pharmacy claims using the NCPDP 5.1 transaction can immediately begin reporting their NPI, along with their PAAD/Medicaid Provider Number, on claims.
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The State will continue to process payments for claims submitted by covered entities that report their PAAD/Medicaid provider number. Providers will be notified further regarding dates for accepting **only** the NPI on pharmacy claims.

It is the intention of the **State of New Jersey** to establish a **Statewide Deadline** for requiring compliance with all NPI provisions for reporting the billing provider identifier, anticipated to be established **prior** to May 23, 2008. DHSS, in cooperation with other State agencies, will notify providers regarding the **Statewide Deadline** for compliance with NPI provisions.

If providers have any questions regarding whether they are a covered entity/health care provider, they should access <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/apps/hipaa2decisionsupport/> for information.

If providers have any additional questions, they may contact Unisys Provider Services at 1-800-776-6334.

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