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- TO:** Medical Suppliers – **For Action**
Physicians – **For Information Only**
Health Maintenance Organizations – **For Information Only**
- SUBJECT:** Expansion of the Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Recycling Program
- EFFECTIVE:** April 1, 2001 for specified DME services requested on or after April 1, 2001
- PURPOSE:** To notify medical suppliers of the expansion of the DME Recycling Program to Essex and Hudson Counties.
- BACKGROUND:** In an effort to continue the success and cost savings of the DME Recycling Program, originally outlined in Newsletter Volume 9, No. 60, dated October 1999, the New Jersey Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) is expanding the scope of work of the DME Recycling contract to include the counties of Essex and Hudson.
- ACTION:** **Effective for recyclable DME requested on or after April 1, 2001, in Essex and Hudson counties for Medicaid, NJ Kidcare and NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service (FFS) beneficiaries**, medical suppliers are required to contact the DME Recycling Contractor, Inter-Health LLC, to determine the availability of this equipment for reuse. Medical suppliers are required to contact Inter-Health LLC for DME not requiring prior authorization (PA).

For recyclable DME requiring PA, the Medical Assistance Customer Centers (MACCs) will contact Inter-Health LLC directly to determine the availability of recyclable equipment prior to issuing PA to a medical supplier.

A listing of recyclable DME is attached to the Newsletter. For recyclable DME on this list, medical suppliers must contact Inter-Health LLC at **1-800-933-4028**.

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

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