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

SUBJECT: Medicare-Covered Prescription Drugs

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

PURPOSE: To notify providers of pharmaceutical services of the decision by the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) to postpone implementation of the Medicare-Covered Prescription Drug initiative.

BACKGROUND: The Medicaid Newsletter, Volume 11, No. 13, dated March 2001, notified providers of pharmaceutical services of a new initiative that would have required pharmacies to bill Medicare for Medicare-covered prescription drugs. These drugs would have been denied Medicaid payment as pharmaceutical services.

ACTION: Effective immediately, the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) is postponing implementation of the Medicare-covered prescription drug initiative, as described in the Medicaid Newsletter Volume 11, No. 13, dated March 2001. Providers of pharmaceutical services will be notified by Medicaid Newsletter of a future implementation date for this initiative.

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

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