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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 (REVISED)**
- EFFECTIVE:** Immediately
- PURPOSE:** To notify medical suppliers concerning (1) expansion of the DME Recycling Program to Essex and Hudson Counties and (2) revisions to the recycling program including an updated telephone number for Inter-Health and deletions to the list of recyclable DME.
- 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 immediately for recyclable DME requested in Essex and Hudson counties for Medicaid 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 in Essex and Hudson counties that require 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 revised listing of recyclable DME not requiring PA is attached to the Newsletter. For this recyclable DME, medical suppliers must contact Inter-Health LLC at **1-800-339-7797**.

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

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