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TO: Providers of Pharmaceutical Services, Physicians, Certified Nurse Practitioners/Clinical Nurse Specialists, Independent Clinics, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) – **For Action**
Health Maintenance Organizations - **For Information Only**

SUBJECT: Changes in New Jersey Prescription Blank (NJPB) Documentation Requirements

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

PURPOSE: To notify New Jersey practitioners of the adoption of N.J.A.C. 13:35-7.2(h), and its effect on Medicaid, NJ FamilyCare, Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD) and Senior Gold Prescription Discount policies regarding compliance with this adoption.

BACKGROUND: The New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners adopted N.J.A.C. 13:35-7.2(h) on October 2, 2000, which states: "Each prescription for a controlled substance shall be written on a separate NJPB." Prior to this requirement, only Schedule II drugs required a separate prescription.

ACTION: All valid Medicaid, NJ FamilyCare, PAAD and Senior Gold prescriptions written by a licensee of the Board of Medical Examiners must be written and dispensed in accordance with all applicable federal and State laws, rules and regulations. This includes the rule appearing at N.J.A.C. 13:35-7.2(h) that was adopted by the New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners on October 2, 2000.

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:35-7.2(h), any prescription written by a licensee of the Board of Medical Examiners for a controlled substance that is not written on its own NJPB shall not be considered a valid Medicaid, NJ FamilyCare, PAAD or Senior Gold prescription. In addition, prescriptions for controlled substances and non-controlled substances written on the same NJPB shall not be considered valid Medicaid, NJ FamilyCare, PAAD or Senior Gold prescriptions.

Pharmacists are reminded that Medicaid, NJ FamilyCare, PAAD or Senior Gold payments for pharmacy services provided based on an invalid prescription shall be subject to recoupment by the State.

If you have any questions concerning the PAAD or Senior Gold program, please contact the PAAD Pharmacy Consultant at (609) 631-4667.

If you have any questions concerning the Medicaid or NJ FamilyCare program, please contact the Chief, Pharmaceutical Services, DMAHS, at (609) 588-2724.

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