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# NEWSLETTER

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**TO:** Providers of Partial Hospitalization Services - For Action  
Health Maintenance Organizations - For Information Only

**SUBJECT:** New Prior Authorization Requirements for Partial  
Hospitalization Services

**EFFECTIVE:** Immediately, for claims with service dates on or after  
February 15, 2002

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this newsletter is to notify providers of partial hospitalization services of a change in the prior authorization requirements for partial hospitalization (PH) services provided to NJ FamilyCare (NJFC) Plan A single adults and childless couples. This change does **not** affect Medicaid and other NJ FamilyCare participants.

**BACKGROUND:** The New Jersey Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) provides fee-for-service health care coverage and reimbursement for partial hospitalization services provided to NJFC Plan A single adults and childless couples. Currently, prior authorization (PA) for PH is required after the first 90 days of initial treatment has been received from the same hospital provider. (See Medicaid Newsletter Volume 11, No. 63 for billing procedures.)

**ACTION:** Effective for service dates on or after February 15, 2002, partial hospitalization services provided to NJ FamilyCare Plan A single adults and childless couples must be prior authorized after the first 30 days of initial treatment has been received from the same hospital provider. These beneficiaries may be identified by the Program Code "70" in positions 3 and 4 of their Recipient ID Number.

Prior authorization will continue to be required for these beneficiaries, for the beneficiary's lifetime.

All other beneficiaries will continue to receive PH services with PA required after the first 90 days. (See Medicaid Newsletter Volume 11, No. 63 for billing procedures.)

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