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

SUBJECT: **ADDP Covered Drugs**

EFFECTIVE: ADDP claims with service dates on or after August 1, 2002.

PURPOSE: This Newsletter is intended to notify providers of pharmaceutical services of a decision by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), Division of AIDS Prevention and Control (DOAPC), to expand the list of AIDS Drug Distribution Program (ADDP)-covered drugs and medical supplies.

BACKGROUND: The Department of Health and Senior Services, Division of AIDS Prevention and Control, AIDS Drug Distribution Program (ADDP) is a federally-funded prescription drug benefit program that provides prescription drugs and certain medical supplies and equipment used in the treatment of patients with HIV/AIDS. ADDP provides these medications to low-income individuals with no other source of payment. Eligible ADDP recipients receive these prescription services at no cost.

The current list of ADDP-covered drugs is limited to HIV/AIDS drugs, certain drugs used in the treatment of HIV/AIDS-related conditions and certain medical supplies and equipment. The expansion of the existing ADDP-covered drug list to include FDA-approved prescription drugs covered by the Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD) program will benefit ADDP-eligible individuals. Eligible ADDP recipients will now receive these additional prescription services at no cost.

The expansion of the ADDP formulary is intended to benefit only those individuals who are eligible for ADDP ***and*** who have no other source of coverage for general prescription drugs. NJ FamilyCare beneficiaries who receive their HIV/AIDS drugs, certain drugs used in the treatment of HIV/AIDS-related conditions and certain medical supplies and equipment through their managed care organizations (HMOs) will not be affected by this expansion. These individuals are already covered for general prescription drugs by their HMOs.

ACTION: Effective for claims with service dates on or after August 1, 2002, the list of ADDP-covered drugs and medical supplies will expand to include additional drugs, that is, those drugs which are:

1. FDA-approved drugs;
2. Currently covered by the State's Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD) program; and
3. Manufactured by a company that has signed a federal Medicaid drug rebate agreement.

Please note that medical supplies and equipment not covered by PAAD, but currently covered by ADDP, including glucometers, respigard II nebulizers, hose barb and tubing, will continue to be covered by ADDP, for ADDP-eligible individuals who have no other source of coverage for these items.

Please also note that only drugs manufactured by companies that have signed the federal ***Medicaid*** drug rebate agreement are eligible for *ADDP* drug coverage. In certain situations, a *PAAD*-covered drug may not be eligible for *ADDP* coverage because its manufacturer has not signed the federal *Medicaid* drug rebate agreement. Providers have been notified, and will continue to be notified, regarding *Medicaid and ADDP*-covered drugs by DMAHS Newsletters, based on a manufacturer's participation in the federal drug rebate program. These newsletters are contained in the Pharmacy Provider Manual at Appendix F.

If you have any questions concerning this Newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact the Chief, Pharmaceutical Services, DMAHS, at (609) 588-2724, or the Unisys Pharmacy consultant at (609) 588-6039.

If you have any questions regarding ADDP policy, please contact the AIDS Drug Distribution Program at (609) 588-7038.

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