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TO: All Providers - For Action
Health Maintenance Organizations - For Information Only

SUBJECT: REVS/MEVS Message

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

PURPOSE: To inform providers of a new REVS/MEVS Message, which indicates a beneficiary's enrollment in the Children's System of Care Initiative (CSOCI)

BACKGROUND: Medicaid Newsletter Volume 12, No. 01, dated January 2002, informed providers of the distribution of the Children's System of Care Initiative (CSOCI) eligibility identification cards, indicating covered mental health services for those children enrolled in the CSOCI who are not eligible for Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare. Medicaid Newsletter Volume 12, No. 07, dated January 2002, informed providers that children who are eligible for Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare and are also enrolled in the CSOCI would be receiving two cards - one for Medicaid or NJ FamilyCare and one for the CSOCI. Please refer to these Newsletters for additional details about the CSOCI.

The REVS/MEVS System messages have been revised to include a new reference to Service Package E, which indicates that the beneficiary is enrolled in the CSOCI and, therefore, eligible to receive the following services reimbursed through Unisys:

- Care Coordination by the CMO
- Psychiatric Hospital Inpatient Services
- Group Home Care
- Psychiatric Community Residences and other approved residential providers
- Partial Care/Partial Hospitalization
- Individual, Group and Family Therapy
- Medication Management
- JCAHO-Accredited Inpatient Psychiatric Residential Treatment Center services

If the beneficiary is enrolled in the CSOCI only, the following message will be returned by the REVS/MEVS system: ***"Services Limited to Service Package E."***

If the beneficiary is enrolled in the CSOCI and Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare, the message will state that the beneficiary is entitled to "**Service Package E**" in addition to stating in which other Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare Plan he or she is enrolled. The total health benefits package available to the beneficiary is the combination of the two messages.

EXAMPLE: The provider calls the REVS phone number to confirm the eligibility of a beneficiary. The REVS message states: "Barney F. is enrolled in NJ FamilyCare – Plan D and is entitled to Service Package E." This means that Barney is eligible to receive services offered under NJ FamilyCare Plan – D **and** that he is enrolled in the CSOCI and, therefore, eligible to receive the services listed above. Under his NJ FamilyCare – Plan D coverage, Barney is entitled to a maximum of 20 outpatient visits per year for evaluative and crisis intervention or home health mental health services, and up to 35 inpatient days of treatment in a psychiatric hospital. However, because Barney is also entitled to "Service Package E," these mental health services are not limited to these amounts. Barney is eligible to receive extended mental health services, provided they are included in the Individual Service Plan that was developed and authorized by the CSOCI.

ACTION: Providers must determine if a beneficiary is enrolled in the CSOCI enrollment prior to rendering any mental health services. Providers should determine this every time they provide mental health services to a child, even if the child does not present a CSOCI eligibility card or if they had previously provided services to the beneficiary, to ensure that the eligibility status of the beneficiary has not changed.

Providers may determine CSOCI eligibility information in the following ways:

- ➔ Telephone inquiry to Unisys through the Recipient Eligibility Verification System (REVS) at **1-800-676-6562**;
- ➔ Accessing the eligibility file through the use of a Medicaid Eligibility Verification System (MEVS) vendor; or
- ➔ By examining the Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare card or the CSOCI card presented by the beneficiary to see if there is a reference to Service Package E.

All mental health services for CSOCI-enrolled children must be included in the Individual Service Plan (ISP) and coordinated by the Care Management Organization (CMO) in their area. Providers who render services to a beneficiary who presents a CSOCI card without confirming that the services are part of a CSOCI or CMO-approved ISP may not receive reimbursement for those services.

Prior to rendering mental health services to any beneficiary under age 21 who presents a traditional Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare identification card, providers should confirm that the beneficiary is NOT enrolled in the CSOCI. If the beneficiary is enrolled in the CSOCI, then the services must be coordinated by his or her CMO. The CMO

responsible for coordinating care for a beneficiary is the CMO in the county in which the beneficiary resides. A CMO directory is attached to this Newsletter for your reference.

If the beneficiary is NOT enrolled in the CSOCI, then the provider may render services covered under the Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare plan the beneficiary is eligible for in accordance with the rules applicable to that provider and the eligibility level of the plan in which the beneficiary is enrolled.

If you have questions or need additional information about the CSOCI, please contact the CMO in your county or visit our Website at www.njkidsoc.org.

If you have questions about the CSOCI eligibility card, please contact your local Medical Assistance Customer Center or the Medicaid Hotline at 1-800-356-1561.

If you have questions regarding billing procedures, please contact Unisys Provider Services at: 1-800-776-6334.

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