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TO: All Providers, Vendors, HMOs and Electronic Submitters

SUBJECT: Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act (HIPAA)

EFFECTIVE: IMMEDIATELY

PURPOSE: Draft HIPAA Companion Guide

BACKGROUND: New Jersey's Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services and Unisys are very pleased to announce the availability of the October 2002 draft of our HIPAA Companion Guide. This document represents the culmination of a four-year process and is a significant milestone in our ongoing effort to adhere to the HIPAA transaction set requirements. HIPAA provides all healthcare entities a tremendous opportunity to realize many administrative and systemic benefits because it provides a national standard of transaction and code sets for the electronic exchange of healthcare data. The Division and Unisys welcome this historical transition and are committed to the implementation of all HIPAA transaction sets as the sole format for all State and Federal programs processed through the Medicaid Management Information System at Unisys.

If you currently submit claims to Unisys electronically, we encourage you to download the HIPAA Companion Guide at the New Jersey Medicaid web site, www.njmmis.com. If you do not have access to the Internet and require a paper copy, please contact Unisys Provider Services at 800-776-6334.

If you have any questions, please contact the Division's HIPAA Coordinator, Michael Chiofolo, at 609-588-2759.

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