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TO: Drug Clinics (Independent Clinics) and Federally Qualified Health Centers – **For Action**
Health Maintenance Organizations – **For Information Only**

SUBJECT: **Methadone Maintenance for WFNJ/GA (Plan G) Beneficiaries**

EFFECTIVE: **Claims received by Unisys on or after July 1, 2003**

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Newsletter is to inform clinic providers of a decision by the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) to discontinue coverage of methadone maintenance services for NJ FamilyCare (NJFC) beneficiaries eligible through the Work First NJ/General Assistance (WFNJ/GA) program. Methadone maintenance services include methadone, individual and group therapy. **Reimbursement for Methadone treatment services for WFNJ/GA beneficiaries (regardless of employability status) will only be accessible through the Work First New Jersey (WFNJ) Substance Abuse Initiative (SAI).**

BACKGROUND: In the past, DMAHS reimbursed drug clinics for methadone maintenance services, including methadone, individual and group therapy, provided to NJFC beneficiaries eligible through the WorkFirst NJ/General Assistance (WFNJ/GA) program. In the Medicaid Newsletter Volume 12, No. 105, dated November 2002, providers were advised of DMAHS' intention to limit coverage of methadone maintenance services for NJFC beneficiaries eligible through the WFNJ/GA program only through WFNJ Substance Abuse Initiative.

ACTION: DMAHS is discontinuing reimbursement to drug clinics for methadone maintenance services, including methadone, individual and group therapy, when provided to NJFC beneficiaries eligible for WFNJ/GA using the Healthcare Common Procedural Coding System (HCPCS) codes Z2000 through Z2007, and Z2010. WFNJ/GA beneficiaries can be identified by the county codes '01' through '21' in the first two positions of the Recipient Identification (ID) number; and the value of '70' in the 3rd & 4th positions of the ID number. **NJFC beneficiaries eligible through the WFNJ/GA program may continue to access these services through the WFNJ Substance Abuse Initiative. Only those HCPCS recognized by the SAI (detailed below) will be acceptable for reimbursement after the stated deadline.**

June 30, 2003 is the **deadline** for Unisys to **receive** WFNJ/GA methadone maintenance claims for Medicaid payment. Claims **received** by Unisys on or after July 1, 2003, **for the aforementioned Z2000 series services, regardless of service date**, shall be denied Medicaid payment.

DMAHS anticipates that some clinic providers may be unable to submit WFNJ/GA methadone maintenance claims with service dates immediately prior to July 1st to Unisys by the deadline. For these services with service dates through June 30, 2003 only, providers must submit hard-copy paper claims to DMAHS for special handling. Please submit these claims to:

WFNJ/GA Unit
NJDMAHS
Mail Code 33
P.O. Box 712
Trenton, NJ 08625-0712

Attention: WFNJ/GA Methadone Maintenance Claims

Providers should continue to assist beneficiaries in the transition to the WFNJ SAI by contacting the WFNJ SAI Care Coordination regional offices for instruction on how to transition the WFNJ/GA recipients to the WFNJ SAI. (Please see the attached list of WFNJ SAI regional offices.) **Please be advised that reimbursement for services rendered can only occur with a prior authorization from the WFNJ SAI.**

For your information, the following represent the existing SAI procedure codes for billing methadone maintenance services.

<u>HCPCS CODE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>MAXIMUM FEE ALLOWANCE/UNIT</u>
Z3348	Family Therapy rendered in a narcotic/alcohol clinic, per hour	\$45.00
Z3349	Family Conference rendered in a narcotic/alcohol Clinic, per visit	\$35.00
Z3353	Prescription visit rendered in a narcotic/alcohol clinic	\$ 4.50
Z3354	Psychotherapy rendered in a narcotic/alcohol clinic, per hour	\$45.00
Z3355	Group therapy rendered in a narcotic/alcohol clinic, per hour	\$ 20.00

Z3356	Psychological testing rendered in a narcotic/alcohol Clinic, per hour	\$15.00
Z3357	Methadone treatment rendered in a narcotic/alcohol Clinic, per visit	\$ 4.00
Z3358	Psychotherapy half session rendered in a narcotic/alcohol clinic (per half hour)	\$ 23.00
Z3359	Urinalysis rendered in a narcotic/alcohol clinic	\$ 5.20

If you have any questions about the process of transition to the WFNJ SAI for NJ FamilyCare (NJFC) beneficiaries who are eligible through the WorkFirst NJ/General Assistance (WFNJ/GA) program, please contact the regional office for your county, as shown on the attached list.

If you have any questions regarding this Newsletter, please contact the Office of Utilization Management at (609) 588-2721.

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