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**TO:** Providers of Pharmaceutical Services - **For Action**  
Physicians, Nurse Practitioner/Clinical Nurse Specialists, Health  
Maintenance Organizations - **For Information Only**

**SUBJECT:** **Carve-Out of Pharmaceutical Services for Aged, Blind and  
Disabled Beneficiaries Enrolled in Managed Care**

**EFFECTIVE:** Claims with service dates on or after September 1, 2003

**PURPOSE:** To notify providers of pharmaceutical services of a policy change, based on P.L. 2003, c. 122, State Fiscal Year 2004 Appropriations Act, requiring pharmaceutical services for Aged, Blind and Disabled beneficiaries enrolled in managed care to be reimbursed by the Medicaid fee-for-service (FFS) program.

**BACKGROUND:** Aged, Blind and Disabled (ABD) beneficiaries enrolled in managed care are eligible to receive pharmaceutical benefits, with the exception of atypical antipsychotic drugs, from the health maintenance organization (HMO). Coverage of prescription drugs is a component of the HMO benefit package. With the exception of atypical antipsychotic drugs, these services are not eligible for FFS reimbursement.

**ACTION:** Effective for claims with service dates on or after September 1, 2003, all pharmaceutical services prescribed for ABD beneficiaries enrolled in managed care shall be eligible for Medicaid FFS reimbursement. Payments for these claims must be submitted to Unisys, the State's fiscal agent, through the State's point-of-sale (POS) claims processing system.

ABD beneficiaries may be identified through their Beneficiary Eligibility Identification number. Those beneficiary identification numbers with the values 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, and 55 in positions 3 & 4 of the identification number represent ABD beneficiaries.

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