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# NEWSLETTER

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**TO:** Medical Suppliers – **For Action**  
Physicians and Health Maintenance Organizations – **For Information Only**

**SUBJECT:** **Introducing the New Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Recycling Contractor for Certain DME Purchased by the Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare Fee-for-Service Program**

**EFFECTIVE:** Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare FFS purchases of certain DME requested on or after December 1, 2003

**PURPOSE:** To introduce medical suppliers to the new DME recycling contractor for certain durable medical equipment purchased by the Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service program.

**BACKGROUND:** In October 1999, the New Jersey Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) established a durable medical equipment (DME) recycling program that was administered by InterHealth LLC. Due to an unanticipated change in events, InterHealth LLC requested that their contractual arrangement with the State of New Jersey terminate, effective November 30, 2003.

In order to continue the DME recycling policies of the Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare FFS program, as described in the Newsletter Volume 9, No. 60, dated October 1999, DMAHS has contracted with Global Medical Equipment Recycling, Inc. to continue the operations of the DME Recycling Program.

**ACTION:** **Effective on or after December 1, 2003**, requests for purchases of recyclable DME covered by the Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare FFS program must be made to:

**Global Medical Equipment Recycling, Inc.**  
**707 Whitehouse Pike, C-5**  
**Absecon, NJ 08201**

**1-866-795-4333 (Toll Free)**  
**(609) 272-9178 (Facsimile)**

### **Important Reminders:**

1. Medical suppliers are required to contact Global Medical Equipment Recycling, Inc. to determine availability of equipment for reuse. This requirement applies only to DME not requiring prior authorization (PA).
2. For recyclable DME requiring PA, medical suppliers must continue to contact the appropriate Medical Assistance Customer Center (MACC) that is responsible for issuing PA. The MACCs will contact Global Medical Equipment Recycling directly to determine the availability of recyclable equipment prior to issuing PA to a medical supplier.
3. For a listing of recyclable DME, medical suppliers should consult Newsletter Volume 12, Number 29, dated April 2002.
4. Used equipment distributed by InterHealth LLC and in current use by beneficiaries will continue to be tracked and monitored by Global Medical Equipment Recyclers, Inc. When a beneficiary no longer needs this equipment, the beneficiary can call the toll-free number located on the equipment to reach Global Medical Equipment Recyclers, Inc.

If you have any questions concerning this Newsletter, please contact the Chief Pharmaceutical Consultant, at (609) 588-2724.

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