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TO: All Providers, Vendors, HMOs and Electronic Submitters - For Action

SUBJECT: Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act (HIPAA) Delay of Mandatory Implementation

EFFECTIVE: **IMMEDIATELY**

PURPOSE: Announcement of Transaction and Code Set Implementation Schedule - Non-Pharmacy Claims and Remittance Advice

BACKGROUND: The Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) is issuing this newsletter to announce a change in our implementation schedule as it relates to the HIPAA transactions and code sets (837, 835, and local procedure codes). As you may know, the DMAHS announced, via Provider Newsletter Volume 13, Number 65, that, for claims submitted electronically with a date of service on or after January 1, 2004, the HIPAA 837 transaction set would be the required format. The same date of January 1, 2004 was the target for the mandatory use of the 835 when generating an electronic remittance advice, and was also set as the mandatory date for the transition of local procedure codes to their national equivalents.

ACTION: This newsletter is being issued to **delay the mandatory implementation until April 1, 2004** for all three aforementioned areas.

In addition, the Division announces the availability of the December 2003 version of our HIPAA Companion Guide. This document has been modified to reflect several typographical errors and also several minor requirements changes. All such changes will be noted in a separate section in the companion guide to easily identify the differences between this latest version and the July 2003 version.

If you have any questions, please contact the HIPAA Coordinator for DMAHS, Michael Chiofolo, at 609-588-2759.

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