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TO: All Providers

SUBJECT: Prescription Drugs and Home Health Carve-out for Aged, Blind and Disabled (ABD) Dual Eligibles
Outpatient Rehabilitation Services for NJ FamilyCare Plan D

EFFECTIVE: January 1, 2005

PURPOSE: To notify providers that certain services will be removed from the HMO benefits package of services that are currently provided to enrollees and of a change in outpatient rehabilitation benefits for NJ FamilyCare Plan D enrollees.

BACKGROUND: Prescription drugs and home health agency services are currently provided by HMOs under contract with the New Jersey Department of Human Services to their enrollees who have both Medicaid and Medicare (Dual Eligibles) coverage.

Outpatient rehabilitation services for NJ FamilyCare Plan D enrollees are currently limited to a 60-day consecutive period per incident each year. These services include physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy.

ACTION: Effective January 1, 2005, prescription drugs and home health agency services for ABD Dual Eligibles will no longer be provided by the HMOs participating in the Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare programs, but will be provided through the Medicaid fee-for-service program.

Effective January 1, 2005, outpatient rehabilitation services will be changed to 60 days per year for each therapy type. This change makes outpatient rehabilitation services for NJ FamilyCare Plan D enrollees consistent with those provided for Plans B and C enrollees.

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