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TO: Providers of Pharmaceutical Services – **For Action**
Health Maintenance Organizations – **For Information Only**

SUBJECT: **New Prescriber Service Number (PSN) Requirements**

EFFECTIVE: Claims submitted on or after July 6, 2007

PURPOSE: To notify providers of pharmaceutical services of new requirements for reporting PSNs on pharmacy claims.

BACKGROUND: Pharmacies are aware of current requirements for identifying the prescribing practitioner by reporting the New Jersey FamilyCare (NJFC)/Medicaid PSN of the prescribing practitioner on pharmacy claims. The PSN is a 7-digit identification number assigned by Unisys, the State's fiscal agent that is reported in Field 411-DB in the Prescriber Segment of the NCPDP transaction set. A similar field also exists on the hard-copy (MC-6) pharmacy claim.

The New Jersey Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) and the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) must capture the identity of the prescribing practitioner on pharmacy claims in order to conduct effective disease state management and other quality review programs. Using the State License Number printed on New Jersey Prescription Blank is a convenient and effective way to capture this important information.

DMAHS and DHSS have developed NPI Contingency Plans designed to ensure the State's ability to continue processing pharmacy claims after May 23, 2007. Copies of these Newsletters may be found at www.njmms.com.

ACTION:

1. **Effective for claims with service dates on or after July 6, 2007 and prior to August 6, 2007**, the State will accept the Prescriber Service Number (PSN) **or State Medical License Number** to identify the prescribing practitioner on all electronic State pharmacy benefit claims. This includes both electronic and paper claims. The State will also accept the **National Provider Identifier (NPI)** of the prescribing practitioner.

During this period, existing PSN reporting requirements **do not** change. To review information regarding PSN reporting, see the NJMMIS Pharmacy Services Fiscal Agent Billing Supplement, Form Location 23.

2. **Effective for claims with service dates on or after August 6, 2007**, the State will no longer accept the NJFC/Medicaid Provider Number to identify the prescribing practitioner. This change includes the current default values of “555555” and “666666” and the use of hospital provider numbers, none of which will be accepted after August 6, 2007.

Pharmacies shall report only **the State Medical License Number** or the prescribing practitioner’s **NPI** to identify prescribing practitioners on electronic pharmacy claims and the **NJFC/Medicaid Provider Number** to identify prescribing practitioners on paper pharmacy claims.

REQUIREMENTS FOR REPORTING STATE MEDICAL LICENSE NUMBERS ON PHARMACY CLAIMS

1. Examples of how the State Medical License Number may present on the New Jersey Prescription Blank are: 25MA01234500, MA123456, 25MA12345, or 25MA123456. (The values ‘25MA’ are for illustrative purposes only. Other valid values exist, i.e., ‘26NJ’, ‘22DI’, and others as they appear on the prescription blank.)
2. Mid-Level Prescribing Practitioners have unique prescribing identification numbers that are their “State License Number.”
 - For Advanced Practice Nurses (APNs), the APN’s New Jersey “Prescribing Authority License Number” appears on the NJPB as “Certification Number.”
 - For Physician Assistants (PAs), the PA’s New Jersey “Prescribing Authority License Number” appears on the NJPB as “License Number.”
 - For Certified Nurse Midwives (CNMs), the CNM’s New Jersey “Prescribing Authority License Number” appears on the NJPB as “License (Rx Authorization) Number.”
3. On electronic pharmacy claims, the State Medical License Number should be reported in NCPDP Field 411-DB in the Prescriber Segment. **For all prescribing practitioners, the two-digit abbreviation reflecting the State in which the license was issued must be reported in the first two positions of this field. For example, if the prescribing practitioner is licensed in the State of New Jersey, the values ‘NJ’ must be reported in the first two positions of this field (for example, NJ25MA12345).**

4. For out-of-state practitioners, pharmacies must report the out-of-state Medical License Number of the practitioner in NCPDP Field 411-DB. **Any Medical License Number reported without the values 'NJ' in the first two positions will be considered an out-of-state licensed practitioner.**
5. Report in NCPDP Field 466-EZ the appropriate Prescriber ID Qualifier. For the NJFC/Medicaid Provider Number, report the value "05"; for the State Medical License Number, report the value "08", and for the National Provider Identifier, report the value "01".
6. The Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services will validate the reported State Medical License Number using information supplied by the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs.
7. The following Error Codes, shall deny pharmacy claims that do not report a valid State License Number:
 - Error Code 2050 "Invalid Prescriber License Number Reported. State Medical License Number not on file" (based on information received from the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs).
 - Error Code 2051 "Default values of '6666666' not allowed - Submit State Medical License Number (applies to claims with service dates on or after August 6, 2007).

**SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR REPORTING STATE MEDICAL LICENSE NUMBER
FOR Plan B (Morning After Pill)**

The State Medical License Number shall not be validated by DMAHS for Plan B drug claims. For internal control practices, pharmacies may choose to assign a unique prescriber identifier for submitting Plan B drug claims to the State.

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