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

SUBJECT: **National Provider Identifier (NPI) Reporting - Update**

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Newsletter is to update NJ FamilyCare (NJFC)/Medicaid, PAAD and Senior Gold pharmacy providers of a final decision by the State to deny claim payments when a valid NPI is not reported on pharmacy claims.

EFFECTIVE: Claims processed by Unisys on or after November 4, 2009

BACKGROUND: Over 97 percent of pharmacy claims processed by Unisys since May 23, 2007 have reported an NPI to identify the prescriber. However, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) require 100 percent compliance with all NPI requirements.

This Newsletter announces (1) a final decision to deny claim payments when a valid NPI is not reported to identify the prescriber; and (2) a new billing procedure for reporting the state license number of a prescriber who does not submit healthcare claims electronically, considered an "excluded entity" under HIPAA.

ACTION: **For claims processed by Unisys on or after November 4, 2009** only the Prescriber ID Qualifier of '01' and the NPI, reported as the Prescriber ID, will be accepted for claims processing purposes. Pharmacy claims processed by Unisys on or after this date with the Prescriber Qualifiers of '05' and '08' will be denied payments by the State of New Jersey.

Exception: Prescribers who do not submit claims electronically are considered "excluded entities." For these prescribers, the pharmacy may report a Prescriber ID Qualifier of '08' and their state license number as the Prescriber ID on pharmacy claims. To be recognized as an "excluded entity," the prescriber must contact the Unisys Medical Exception Process (MEP) Unit at 1-877-888-2939.

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