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TO: Providers of Pharmaceutical Services

SUBJECT: Reimbursement for OTC Drugs for Garden State Health Plan (GSHP) Members

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

BACKGROUND: The Garden State Health Plan (GSHP) is the state-operated Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) for Medicaid recipients who voluntarily enroll. GSHP provides its members with coverage of pharmacy services prescribed by the Physician Case Manager (PCM) or prescribed by a referral provider if authorized by the PCM.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Newsletter is to remind pharmacy providers that medically necessary non-legend medications, including, but not limited to, antihistamines, antacids, OTC analgesics, laxatives, anti-diarrheal medications, OTC dermatological preparations, cold and cough medications, insulin, diabetic testing materials, family planning items and protein replacement supplements, are services covered by the Garden State Health Plan.

ACTION: When the Physician Case Manager prescribes a non-legend medication, a written or telephone prescription is required to authorize the pharmacy to dispense the medication to a GSHP member. A prior authorization number is not required for medications prescribed by a PCM.

However, when a referral practitioner prescribes a non-legend medication for a GSHP member, a written prescription with a prior authorization number from the PCM is required. For further information consult the Fiscal Agent Billing Supplement.

If you have any questions regarding this Newsletter, please contact the Garden State Health Plan's toll-free number (800) 525-0047 or New Jersey Medicaid program, Chief Pharmaceutical Consultant, at (609) 588-2724.