

TO: All Providers

SUBJECT: Consolidation of Medicaid District Offices

EFFECTIVE: October 5, 1992

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Newsletter is to alert providers that certain Medi

BACKGROUND: Prior to June 30, 1992, the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services administered a number of program activities from seventeen (17) MDOs located throughout the State. Over the past three and one-half years, staffing in the MDOs has declined over 30% because of attrition-driven staff reductions. In order to sustain the current array of MDO activities, it is imperative that existing resources be consolidated into a more manageable organization. As a result, the MDOs located in Cumberland, Gloucester, Union, Hunterdon and Mercer Counties will be closed effective October 5, 1992. The impact on the provider community is expected to be minimal, in that they will continue to be served by an MDO in a nearby county.

ACTION: (A) Hospitals and Nursing Facilities

Hospitals and Nursing Facilities (NFs) should refer PreAdmission Screening (PAS) assessments to the MDOs as listed below:

<u>Location of Hospital/NFs</u>	<u>Medicaid District Office</u>
Atlantic/Cumberland/Cape May	Atlantic County
Hudson/Bergen	Hudson County
Burlington/Mercer	Burlington County
Camden/Gloucester/Salem	Camden County
Essex	Essex County
Middlesex/Hunterdon/Somerset/Union	Middlesex County
Monmouth/Ocean	Monmouth County
Morris/Sussex/Warren/Passaic	Morris County

The MDOs identified above will administer all phases of the Division's long term care covered services, i.e., Pre-Admission Screening (PAS); case management; post-payment utilization review of home health, personal care assistance, and CCPED services; and clinical auditing of nursing

facilities. Questions concerning PAS and other long term care activities should be addressed to the appropriate MDO.

(B) All Other Providers

All providers who routinely require prior authorization (PA) from an MDO should refer to the chart below to identify the MDO which will adjudicate prior authorization requests.

<u>County of Recipient</u>	<u>Medicaid District Office</u>
Atlantic/Cumberland/Cape May	Atlantic County
Bergen/Hudson	Bergen County
Burlington/Mercer	Burlington County
Camden/Gloucester/Salem	Camden County
Essex	Essex County
Middlesex/Hunterdon/Somerset/Union	Middlesex County
Morris/Sussex/Warren/Passaic	Passaic County
Ocean/Monmouth	Ocean County

Note: This has no impact on those prior authorization requests routinely submitted to the Division's Central Office in Trenton.

Questions of a general nature about procedures, eligibility, etc. should be referred to the MDO serving the county in which the provider/recipient is located.

Attached for your reference is a directory of the MDOs, their addresses and telephone numbers.

Any questions regarding this Newsletter are to be directed to the Medicaid District Office serving your area.

Attachment