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TO: Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Clinical Nurse Specialists, Midwives, Independent Clinics, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Outpatient Hospital, Providers of Pharmaceutical Services – **For Action**
Health Maintenance Organizations – **For Information Only**

SUBJECT: Changes to General Assistance (GA) Coverage of Eli Lilly Drug Products

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

PURPOSE: To notify providers of pharmaceutical services of a decision by the New Jersey Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) to limit **General Assistance (GA)** coverage of drug products manufactured by Eli Lilly, Inc. This decision has no impact on Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare (NJFC) coverage of Eli Lilly drug products.

ACTION:

(1) **Effective Immediately**, Eli Lilly drug products (identified by Labeler Code 00002), with the exception of Zyprexa[®] and Symbyax[®], are no longer covered by the **General Assistance (GA) Program** for claims with service dates on or after September 25, 2010. These claims will be denied **General Assistance** payments by Error Code 570, "Drug Not Payable – No State Rebate Agreement."

(2) **General Assistance** claims for Zyprexa[®] and Symbyax[®] shall be denied by Error Code 577 requiring prior authorization.

(3) **Prior Authorization Requirements:**

- Only claims with service dates prior to November 1, 2010 for **General Assistance beneficiaries currently receiving** Zyprexa[®] or Symbyax[®] are eligible to receive prior authorization.
- Prior authorizations shall be limited to a thirty (30) day supply.
- Prior authorization shall not be issued for **new patients** prescribed Zyprexa[®] or Symbyax[®].

- Alternative atypical antipsychotic therapy should be considered for General Assistance beneficiaries currently taking Zyprexa[®] or Symbyax[®]. Prescribers may choose to utilize the information found on www.njmmis.com under Physician Administered Drugs (UOM) to confirm coverage of alternative therapies.

Important Notes:

1. Payments for **General Assistance** claims for Zyprexa[®] and Symbyax[®] with service dates on or after November 1, 2010 shall be denied by Error Code 570.
2. **Medicaid/NJFC claims** for Eli Lilly products will continue to be eligible for Medicaid/NJFC coverage and reimbursement.

If you have any questions concerning this Newsletter, please contact the Molina Medicaid Solutions (formerly Unisys) Medical Exception Process (MEP) Unit at 1-877-888-2939 or Provider Services at 1-800-766-6334.

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