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TO: Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Clinical Nurse Specialists, Independent Clinics, Federally Qualified Health Centers – **For Action**
Health Maintenance Organizations – **For Information Only**

SUBJECT: Changes to **General Assistance (GA)** Coverage of Alimta[®] and Gemzar[®]

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

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

ACTION:

- (1) **Effective Immediately**, the Eli Lilly drug products Alimta[®] and Gemzar[®], identified by HCPCS procedure codes J9305 and J9201 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 1216, "No Medicaid/GA Rebate Agreement."
- (2) Alternative chemotherapy treatment should be considered for **General Assistance** beneficiaries. Prescribers may choose to utilize the information found on www.njmmis.com under Physician Administered Drugs (UOM) to confirm coverage of alternative therapies.
- (3) General Assistance claims for J9305 and J9201 will be considered for payment for services provided prior to notification of this policy change. After these claims have been denied payment, contact the Chief, Pharmaceutical Services, DMAHS at 609-588-3062 for additional information.

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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