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TO: Providers of Pharmaceutical Services, Outpatient Hospitals, Physicians, Podiatrists, Independent Clinics, Mid Level Practitioners (Nurse Midwives and Advanced Practice Nurses) - **For Action**
Health Maintenance Organizations – **For Information Only**

SUBJECT: National Drug Code (NDC) Obsolete Dates

PURPOSE: To notify pharmacy providers of a procedural change in updating the drug file which will accurately reflect drug NDC obsolescence information.

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

BACKGROUND: As a standard operating procedure, the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) and the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) had extended obsolete dates received from First Data Bank, Inc. (FDB) by twelve months in order to accommodate the anticipated shelf life of medications.

ACTION: Effective immediately, DMAHS and DHSS will no longer extend NDC obsolete dates. Obsolescence shall be based on termination dates reported by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The termination dates issued by CMS to FDB support the Federal drug rebate program. In situations where the CMS termination dates are unavailable, DMAHS will default to the FDB obsolete date.

Pharmacies are reminded that they must report a valid NDC on pharmacy claims submitted to the State for payment consideration. When claims deny for Edit 551, "NDC probably obsolete, check label/computer," pharmacists should report and dispense a valid NDC for reimbursement.

For any further information regarding this Newsletter, please contact Molina Medicaid Solutions, Provider Services at 1-800-776-6334.

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