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TO: Hospitals, Physicians, Advanced Practice Nurses, Midwives, Independent Clinics, Providers of Pharmaceutical Services – **For Action**
Managed Care Organizations – **For Information Only**

SUBJECT: **ViiV HealthCare withdrawal from the New Jersey Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD) and Senior Gold programs**

EFFECTIVE: **June 17, 2024**

PURPOSE: To notify prescribers and providers of pharmaceutical services of upcoming changes to drug coverage for PAAD and Senior Gold beneficiaries.

BACKGROUND: ViiV Healthcare has terminated their rebate agreements with the PAAD and Senior Gold programs. Under state law, drug products can only be covered by PAAD and Senior Gold if the manufacturer participates in the rebate program. As a result, the PAAD and Senior Gold program can no longer assist with copays for ViiV Healthcare products, effective June 17, 2024.

ACTION: The PAAD and Senior Gold programs can no longer assist with copays for ViiV Healthcare products, effective June 17, 2024. Examples of these products are listed below.

Apretude ER	Cabenuva ER	Combivir	Dovato
Epivir	Epzicom	Juluca	Lexiva
Retrovir	Rukobia ER	Selzentry	Tivicay
Tivicay PD	Triumeq	Triumeq PD	Trizivir
Viracept	Vocabria	Ziagen	

This change means the PAAD and Senior Gold programs will discontinue coverage of all drugs manufactured under the 49702 labeler code.

Drugs under the above labeler code will receive the following rejection code:

**REJECT CODE = 570 – Drug Not Payable – No State Rebate Agreement (NCPDP
REJECT CODE = AC)**

PAAD and Senior Gold beneficiaries have been notified that these products will no longer be covered by PAAD or Senior Gold as of June 17, 2024. If they continue to utilize ViiV Healthcare products after that date, they will be responsible for the full copay or cost of the medication. Copay assistance may be possible by having these patients apply to the AIDS Drug Distribution Program (ADDP). To learn more about the ADDP program, visit nj.gov/health/hivstdtb or call (877) 613-4533 to get an application. It is recommended that applicants consult a Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Case Manager for guidance. For a full listing of case managers by county, please refer to the enclosed list. Additional copay assistance may be possible by requesting a tier reduction from their primary insurance plan or by contacting the manufacturer patient assistance program. To learn more about the ViiV patient assistance program visit ViiVconnect.com or call (844) 588-3288.

If there are any questions regarding this Newsletter, please contact the PAAD program at 1-800-792-9745.

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