

TO: Nursing Facilities (In-State and Out-of-State)

SUBJECT: Elimination of Time Limited Agreements for Nursing Facilities

BACKGROUND: Pursuant to HCFA Ruling 92-1 effective August 26, 1992, time limited agreements are eliminated for skilled nursing facilities participating in the Medicare program and nursing facilities participating in the Medicaid program. The HCFA action allows the New Jersey State Department of Health, the State survey agency for the Medicare and Medicaid programs, to implement the flexible survey cycle found in Sections 1819 and 1919 of the Social Security Act as amended by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987.

ACTION: Nursing facility provider agreements will no longer have an expiration date. Participation in the Medicaid program will be subject to recertification by the New Jersey Department of Health and compliance with all Federal and State laws and regulations. Upon recertification by the Department of Health, each facility will receive notification from the Provider Enrollment Unit, Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, New Jersey Department of Human Services, informing the facility that their provider agreement is being continued.

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