

TO: Providers of Pharmaceutical Services

SUBJECT: Electrolyte Replacement Supplements

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

BACKGROUND: In the past, the Medicaid program provided coverage with prior authorization for electrolyte replacement supplements, such as Pedialyte, Ricelyte, and their generically equivalent products.

ACTION: The New Jersey Register, dated September 7, 1993, (CITE 25 N.J.R. 4082 (a)) contains the newly adopted regulations governing current policy for coverage of these products. The Division no longer requires prior authorization for electrolyte replacement supplements including Pedialyte, Ricelyte, and their generically equivalent products. However, the Garden State Health Plan and private HMO policy and procedures regarding prior authorization for these services remain in effect.

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