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TO: Physicians, Independent Clinics, Hospitals -
Chief Executive Officer (Outpatient Department) and
Health Maintenance Organizations

SUBJECT: Change in Medicaid Policy Regarding Coverage of Non-
Legend Drugs

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

BACKGROUND: The New Jersey Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) currently provides Medicaid coverage for certain non-legend drugs, or Over-the-Counter (OTC) drug products when prescribed by a physician. These products include contraceptive devices and supplies, OTC family planning supplies, pharmaceutical inhalation devices, diabetic testing materials, insulin needles and syringes, insulin products, and antacids. Coverage of these non-legend products by the Medicaid program has not been changed.

ACTION: In accordance with federal requirements related to the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) program, the New Jersey Medicaid program shall provide coverage for additional non-legend drug products **only** for Medicaid beneficiaries under twenty-one (21) years of age.

For Medicaid beneficiaries under twenty-one (21) years of age, the additional non-legend drugs covered by the Medicaid program shall be limited to the following Specific Therapeutic Drug classes:

Analgesics, salicylates;

Analgesics/antipyretics, nonsalicylates;

Antidiarrheals;

Anti-emetics;

Antiflatulents;

Antihistamines;

Antipruritics;

Antitussives, non-narcotic;

Cathartics;

Cough and cold preparations;
Emetics;
Expectorants;
Hematinics;
Iron replacement supplements;
Laxatives;
Multiple vitamin preparations;
Pediatric vitamin preparations;
Vitamins A, B, C, D, E, K, B1, B2, B12 preparations;
Polymixin and derivatives;
Topical preparations, antibacterial;
Topical antibiotics; and
Topical anti-inflammatory preparations.

It is important to note that only non-legend drug products manufactured by pharmaceutical companies participating in the Medicaid Drug Rebate program are covered by New Jersey Medicaid. Pharmacists may inquire with physicians regarding alternative non-legend drug therapy in those situations in which a prescribed non-legend drug is not covered by the Medicaid program.

The policy of the Garden State Health Plan (GSHP) regarding coverage of non-legend drugs remains the same. GSHP beneficiaries are eligible to receive coverage for all non-legend drug products manufactured by pharmaceutical companies participating in the Medicaid Rebate program when properly authorized by a Physician Case Manager (PCM) or when prescribed by a physician authorized to prescribe medication based on a PCM referral.

If you have any questions regarding this Newsletter, please contact the New Jersey Medicaid program, Chief, Pharmaceutical Services, at (609) 588-2724.

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