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# NEWSLETTER

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**TO:** Providers of Pharmaceutical Services

**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 are reminded to review prior Medicaid Newsletters published by the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services to determine participating companies and their labeler code.

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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