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Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services

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TO: Private Duty Nursing Providers

SUBJECT: Accreditation Requirements for Program Participation

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

BACKGROUND: The New Jersey Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services reimburses private duty nursing agencies which provide home care services to persons on Model Waiver III, the AIDS Community Care Alternatives Program (ACCAP), and the ABC Program, as well as to children who are medically in need of private duty nursing and are eligible for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT). These agencies are currently monitored for compliance with Medicaid standards by regional representatives of the Division's Bureau of Home Care Services (BHCS).

A proposed amendment was adopted December 19, 1994, at 26 NJR 5021(a) which changed the Division's Home Care Services Chapter (N.J.A.C. 10:60), requiring private duty nursing agencies to become accredited as a condition of participation in the New Jersey Medicaid program.

PURPOSE: To remind providers of the December 1994 enacted policy concerning provider accreditation as a means to assure the provision of quality home care for our frail, elderly and disabled recipients.

ACTION: In accordance with the adopted amendment at N.J.A.C. 10:60-1.3, the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services now requires that private duty nursing agencies be accredited by either the Commission on Accreditation for Home Care (CAHC) or the National League for Nursing Community Health Accreditation Program (CHAP).

To continue participation as a Medicaid private duty nursing provider, an agency must be accredited no later than January 3, 1996.

Please send a copy of your accreditation certificate with your seven (7)-digit provider number to:

Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services
Provider Enrollment Unit
Mail Code #9
CN 712
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0712

For further information and application for accreditation, please contact one or both of the following agencies:

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