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**TO:** Providers of Pharmaceutical Services - For Action  
Physician, Podiatrists, Certified Nurse Practitioners/Clinical  
Nurse Specialists, and Health Maintenance Organizations -  
For Information

**SUBJECT:** Clarification of 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 licensed practitioner. 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. In addition, the Medicaid program provides coverage for other non-legend drug products for beneficiaries under 21 years of age. (See Medicaid Newsletter Volume 4 No. 58, dated November 1994.)

Coverage of these non-legend drug products by Medicaid has not been changed. Also, coverage of non-legend drugs by the Garden State Health Plan (GSHP) remains the same.

**ACTION:** For Medicaid beneficiaries under 21 years of age, the following additional non-legend drugs are covered by the Medicaid program:

1. Decongestants;
2. Oral Anti-inflammatory Agents; and
3. Lice Treatment Products.

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. Please see prior Medicaid Newsletters to determine participating companies and their labeler codes.

If there are any questions concerning this Newsletter, please call the New Jersey Medicaid program's Chief, Pharmaceutical Services, at (609) 588-2724.

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