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TO: Fee-for-Service Providers of Pharmaceutical Services

SUBJECT: **Activation of Point of Sale (POS) Claims Processing Edits**

EFFECTIVE: Claims processed by Unisys on or after November 15, 1996

BACKGROUND: The New Jersey Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services' NJMMIS has completed the implementation of the State's on-line, POS claims processing system. In accordance with the New Jersey Administrative Code (N.J.A.C.) 10:51-1.24, all pharmacy claims processed by the State, regardless of method of claim submission, must be adjudicated in a prospective claims processing environment.

ACTION: All retail pharmacy claims processed by Unisys on or after November 15, 1996, regardless of method of claim submission, including batch files submitted on tape, by modem, or claims submitted on paper, shall be subject to the same POS editing currently experienced by claims submitted on line and in "real time" through the State's POS/PDUR claims processing system. **Only pharmacy claims for services provided in nursing facilities utilizing a unit-dose delivery system are exempt from this requirement.**

Pharmacies choosing to continue claim submission through a media other than the State's POS claims processing system may experience unanticipated denials of claim payments from the Medicaid, Medicaid-related (such as General Assistance (GA) program, Cystic Fibrosis Drug (CFD) program, Garden State Health Plan (GSHP) and AIDS Drug Distribution Program (ADDP)), and Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD) programs.

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