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TO: Fee-for-Service Providers of Pharmaceutical Services

SUBJECT: Updated Directories of Prescribed Servicing Numbers (PSNs) and Hospital Provider Numbers (HPNs)

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

BACKGROUND: The New Jersey Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) requires pharmacists to report a PSN on pharmacy claims in field 23 on the pharmacy claim form (MC-6). A similar number must be reported in the equivalent field on Electronic Media Claims (EMC), and for claims submitted on-line through the State's Point-of-Sale (POS) claims processing system. For additional information, please see the Medicaid Newsletter, Volume 5, No. 5, dated February 1995.

The PSN is a unique seven (7)-digit provider number assigned by Unisys to practitioners participating in the New Jersey Medicaid program. A similar number, referred to as the HPN, may be reported on pharmacy claims for hospital prescribers of pharmacy services. The reporting of seven (7) fives (555555) and seven (7) sixes (666666) is limited to out-of-state practitioners and non-participating New Jersey Medicaid practitioners, respectively.

The purpose of this Newsletter is to notify pharmacists regarding updated directories of PSNs and HPNs compiled by the Division

ACTION: The New Jersey Medicaid program has attached updated statewide directories of PSNs and HPNs for participating fee-for-service Medicaid practitioners/hospitals in the states of New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Delaware.

Practitioners included in these directories actively participated in the New Jersey Medicaid program during Calendar Year 1996. Pharmacists may request the individual PSNs of a practitioner not listed by contacting the Unisys Provider Services Unit at 1-800-776-6334, or your local Medicaid District Office.

Pharmacists are reminded that pharmacy audits performed by Blue Cross/Blue Shield of New Jersey on behalf of DMAHS will monitor compliance with PSN or HPN reporting requirements. The reporting of inappropriate PSNs or HPNs on pharmacy claims may result in the recapture of claim payments.

It is important to note that it is the pharmacist's responsibility to limit the reporting of seven (7) sixes (6666666) on Medicaid pharmacy claims to reflect pharmaceutical services prescribed by practitioners who do not participate in the New Jersey Medicaid program.

The failure of a pharmacy to comply with this requirement, as determined by a future survey or audit, may result in exclusion from the Medicaid program pursuant to N.J.A.C. 10:49-11.1(d)16, which authorizes termination for "engaging in a course of conduct or performing an act deemed improper or abusive of the New Jersey Medicaid program following notification that said conduct should cease....."

In addition, a pharmacist who knowingly and willfully makes or causes to be made a false certification concerning the nonparticipatory status of the prescribing practitioner on a resubmitted pharmacy claim may not only be excluded from the Medicaid program under N.J.A.C. 10:49-11.1(d)11 for submitting a "false or fraudulent claim," but may also be subject to other criminal and/or administrative sanctions.

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

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