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TO: Providers of Pharmaceutical Services - For Action
Health Maintenance Organizations - For Information

SUBJECT: Status of Point of Sale (POS) Claim Payment Responses

PURPOSE: To clarify the policy of the New Jersey Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) regarding payment of pharmacy claims adjudicated by the State's Point of Sale (POS)/Prospective Drug Utilization Review (PDUR) claims processing system.

BACKGROUND: On July 25, 1996, DMAHS initiated the adjudication of pharmacy claims through a real-time, on-line POS/PDUR claims processing system. Currently, this system provides pharmacies with an adjudicated response, which includes the payment status of a submitted pharmacy claim.

ACTION: It is important for pharmacies to note that a payment response from the POS/PDUR system for claims submitted to Medicaid, General Assistance (GA) program, Cystic Fibrosis Drug (CFD) program, AIDS Drug Distribution program (ADDP) and the Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD) programs ensures the "payability" of a claim based on claims processing requirements applied by the New Jersey Medicaid Management Information System (NJMMIS). These requirements reflect the claim-related policies of the State of New Jersey for the service date of the processed claim. **The payment response from the POS/PDUR system is not a guarantee of pharmacy reimbursement from the State of New Jersey.** A further review of "payable" claims by the State, which may include concerns related to potential fraud and abuse, may result in claim payments being denied by the State of New Jersey.

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