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TO: All Medicaid Providers

SUBJECT: Garden State Health Plan/Claims

EFFECTIVE: July 1, 1997

BACKGROUND: Garden State Health Plan (GSHP), the state-operated Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) for Medicaid beneficiaries, has been sold to Managed Healthcare Systems (MHS) of New Jersey, a subsidiary of AmeriChoice, Inc., in four (4) phases:

- Phase 1 covered Camden, Essex, Hudson, Passaic and Union Counties, effective June 1, 1996;
- Phase 2 covered Bergen, Middlesex and Monmouth Counties, effective February 1, 1997;
- Phase 3 included Mercer County, effective June 1, 1997; and
- Phase 4 included Atlantic, Burlington, Cumberland, Gloucester, Morris, Salem, Somerset, Sussex and Warren Counties, effective July 1, 1997.

Therefore, effective June 30, 1997, GSHP no longer operates as an HMO.

PURPOSE: **The purpose of this newsletter is to urge all Medicaid providers to submit all GSHP claims promptly.** Providers should be aware of the following time frames in which services were provided to GSHP members:

Phase 1 counties (Camden, Essex, Hudson, Passaic and Union):
Only claims for services provided prior to June 1, 1996, will be accepted. Because the one-year timely filing period has elapsed, proof of timely filing (see N.J.A.C. 10:49-7.2 and 8.2) must accompany any claims submitted for reimbursement by the Garden State Health Plan. This applies to claims "in process" and to "good faith" claims, with dates of service prior to June 1, 1996.
Exception: Subject to the timely filing requirements noted above, GSHP will

continue to be responsible for inpatient hospital services when the discharge occurred on or after June 1, 1996, if the admission occurred on or before May 31, 1996.

Phase 2 counties (Bergen, Middlesex and Monmouth): Only claims for services provided prior to February 1, 1997, will be accepted. **Exception:** GSHP will continue to be responsible for inpatient hospital services when discharge occurred on or after February 1, 1997, if the admission occurred on or before January 31, 1997.

Phase 3 county (Mercer): Only claims for services provided prior to June 1, 1997, will be accepted. **Exception:** GSHP will continue to be responsible for inpatient hospital services when discharge occurred on or after June 1, 1997, if the admission occurred on or before May 31, 1997.

Phase 4 counties (Atlantic, Burlington, Gloucester, Morris, Salem, Somerset, Sussex and Warren): Only claims for services provided prior to July 1, 1997, will be accepted. **Exception:** GSHP will continue to be responsible for inpatient hospital services when discharge occurred on or after July 1, 1997, if the admission occurred on or before June 30, 1997.

All Medicaid providers should submit their claims for payment in accordance with established GSHP billing procedures. See the New Jersey Administrative Code 10:49-7.3.

Questions regarding this Medicaid Newsletter should be directed to GSHP at (609) 588-3580 or 1-800-525-0047.

All other claim issues or questions should be directed to Unisys Provider Services at 1-800-776-6334.

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