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**TO:** Medical Suppliers  
Health Maintenance Organizations - Information Only

**SUBJECT:** **Medicaid Coverage Limitations for Protein Nutritional Supplements and Specialized Infant Formulas**

**EFFECTIVE:** Claims with Service Dates On or After November 1, 1997

**BACKGROUND:** In accordance with recent changes to the New Jersey Administrative Code (N.J.A.C.) 10:59-1.4, adopted at 29 N.J.R. 2690(a) on June 16, 1997, quantities of protein nutritional supplements and specialized infant formulas dispensed by a medical supplier which exceed a 34-day supply are not eligible for coverage and reimbursement by the Medicaid program.

**PURPOSE:** To inform medical suppliers of a change in Medicaid policy regarding coverage of protein nutritional supplements and specialized infant formulas.

**ACTION:** The quantities of protein nutritional supplements and specialized infant formulas dispensed shall not exceed a 34-day supply.

It is **important to note** that this change in Medicaid coverage will not be monitored during the processing of medical supply claims. Paid claims for protein nutritional supplements and specialized infant formulas will be retrospectively reviewed to determine compliance with this regulation. Paid claims for supplements and formulas determined by these reviews to exceed a 34-day supply will be subject to recoupment by the Medicaid program.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Chief, Pharmaceutical Services, at (609) 588-2724.

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