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TO: All Providers - Except Long-Term Care Providers
and HMO's

SUBJECT: High Cost Case Management/Review Initiative

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

BACKGROUND: The Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (Medicaid) announces the inception of **Health Connections**. **Health Connections** is a health care review program for Medicaid beneficiaries participating in Medicaid's fee-for-service program. The primary goal of the program is to work with beneficiaries, their families, their primary care physicians and other health care professionals to ensure that the medical services being received are appropriate and of the highest quality. The Peer Review Organization of New Jersey (PRO) will provide the review services under this program.

ACTION: Effective immediately, if you provide medical services to Medicaid beneficiaries under our fee-for-service program, you may be contacted by the Peer Review Organization of New Jersey as part of our ongoing efforts to ensure medical appropriateness and high quality services. Please cooperate with the PRO of N.J. in providing service information about Medicaid beneficiaries in order to assist them with coordination of appropriate services.

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