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TO: Providers of Pharmaceutical Services,
Physicians, Dentists, Podiatrists, Certified Nurse Practitioners,
Clinical Nurse Specialists and Independent Clinics
Health Maintenance Organizations - Information Only

SUBJECT: Further Additions and Updates to the Drug Efficacy Study
Implementation (DESI) List

EFFECTIVE: Claims with service dates on or after January 1, 1998

PURPOSE: To update the current list of DESI and known Identical, Related or Similar (IRS) drug products which lack substantial evidence of effectiveness, as determined by the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

BACKGROUND: The New Jersey Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) does not reimburse providers of pharmaceutical services for DESI drugs that the FDA has proposed to withdraw from the market. In addition, Section 2103 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (codified as 1903(i)(5) of the Social Security Act) requires this action for all drugs identical, similar or related to DESI drug products. In addition, claims processed by DMAHS for the Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD) program, the General Assistance (GA) program, and the Cystic Fibrosis Drug (CFD) program are not reimbursed if they are for drugs on the DESI list.

ACTION: Attached for your convenience is an updated "Appendix A" which is a list of DESI and those drug products identical, related or similar to DESI drugs which are considered less than effective under the federal DESI program. Drug products reported on this list are not covered by the above-mentioned pharmacy benefit programs.

Please note that drugs formerly determined to be DESI and IRS drugs are identified by an asterisk on this list. Drugs not identified by an asterisk on this list have been added. **Claims for these additional DESI and IRS drugs with service dates on or after January 1, 1998 will be denied payment by the State.** The DESI list (Appendix A) distributed to providers in September 1997 (Medicaid Newsletter Volume 7, No. 54) may be discarded.

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

If you have any questions regarding PAAD or the CFD program, please contact Kathleen Mason, Director of PAAD, Department of Health and Senior Services, at (609) 588-7032.

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* - CURRENT DESI/IRS DRUGS

LABEL NAME	STRENGTH DESC	EFF DATE	CUR DESI/IRS	LABEL NAME	STRENGTH DESC	EFF DATE	CUR DESI/IRS
AK-CON-A EYE DROPS	0.025-0.3%	951231	*	ALA-QUIN 3/1 CREAM		821101	*
ALBA-CRM CREAM	3-1%	821101	*	AMI-RAX TABLET		951231	*
AMBI-CR CAPSULE		951231	*	AMI-TEX PSE 600/120 TAB SA		973006	*
AMIDRINE CAPSULE		951231	*	ANALPRAM-HC 2.5% LOTION SA		860701	*
ANTI-SPAS 16.2MG TABLET	16.2MG	821101	*	ANTI-TUSSIVE TD CAPSULE SA		840901	*
ANTI-SPAS TABLET	16.2MG	951231	*	ANTISPASMODIC ELIXIR	16.2MG/5ML	951231	*
ANTISPASMODIC EXTENTABS	48.6MG	951231	*	ANTISPASMODIC TABLET	25MG	951231	*
ANTROCOL ELIXIR	25MG	951231	*	ANUCORT-HC 25MG SUPPOSITORY		740103	*
ANUMED-HC 25MG SUPPOSITORY	25MG	951231	*	ANUSOL-HC CREAM	25MG	821101	*
ANUSOL-HC 25MG SUPPOSITORY	25MG	951231	*	AUZONE-HC SUPPOSITORY		821101	*
APAP/ISOMETHEP/DICHLPHEN CP		821101	*	ATAZIN CAPSULE		951231	*
ATROHIST PLUS TABLET SA		923103	*	BANEX CAPSULE		951231	*
BAMBON TABLET	16.2MG	821101	*	BANEX-TUSS LIQUID		951231	*
BANEX-TUSS TABLET	16.2MG	951231	*	BARBITONA #2 TABLET	32MG	951231	*
BARBITONA TABLET	16.2MG	951231	*	BARPHEN ELIXIR	16.2MG/5ML	821101	*
BEL-THER ERGOT S TABLET	0.6-0.2-40	973006	*	BEL-PHEN-ERGOT TABLET	0.6-0.2-40	951231	*
BELLADONNA/PHENOBARB TAB	16.2MG	821101	*	BELLADONNA/PHENOBARB ELIXIR	16.2MG/5ML	951231	*
BELLADONNA/PHENOBARB TABLET	16.2MG	821101	*	BELLADONNA/PHENOBARB TAB SA	48.6MG	973006	*
BELLAPHEN-S TABLET	0.6-0.2-40	951231	*	BELLAPHEN-S TABLET	0.6-0.2-40	951231	*
BELLAPHEN-S TABLET	0.6-0.2-40	973006	*	BELLASPAS TABLET	0.6-0.2-40	973006	*
BELLATAL 16.2MG TABLET	16.2MG	821101	*	BELLERGAAL-S TABLET	0.6-0.2-40	951231	*
BROMOPHEN TABLET SA	25-4MG	951231	*	BROMELAIN 500MG TABLET	500MG	821101	*
BROMOPHYLLINE ELIXIR		951231	*	BROMOPHEN ELIXIR --DISC--		973006	*
BUTIBEL TABLET	15MG	840229	*	BRONKOTUSS EXPECTORANT		951231	*
CALCIUM IODIDE/CODEINE SYR	8.4-152/5	951231	*	CAPRI-NEB/PROP CAP SA		840901	*
CETACAPNE DENTAL KIT		821101	*	CETACAPNE GEL		821101	*
CETACAPNE OINTMENT		821101	*	CETACAPNE MEDICAL KIT E		821101	*
CHARDONNA-2 TABLET	15MG	821101	*	CETACAPNE SPRAY		821101	*
CHLORDINUM/CPD CAPSULE	2.5-5MG	951231	*	CHLORDINUM CAPSULE	2.5-5MG	951231	*
CLIOQUINOL/HC 1/0.5 CREAM	1-0.5%	951231	*	CLIOQUINOL/HC 3/1 CREAM	3-1%	951231	*
CLIOQUINOL/HC 3/1 OINTMENT	3-1%	951231	*	COLIDROPS ELIXIR	16.2MG/5ML	821101	*
CORQUE 3/1 CREAM	3-1%	951231	*	CORT-DOME 25MG SUPPOSITORY	25MG	951231	*
CRANTEX LIQUID	400MG	951231	*	CYCLANDELATE 200MG CAPSULE	200MG	821101	*
CYCLANDELATE 400MG CAPSULE	400MG	951231	*	CYNTEX LIQUID		973006	*
D-TAL LIQUID	16.2MG/5ML	973006	*	DAINITE-KT TABLET		951231	*
DE-TUSS CAPSULE		951231	*	DECONGEST TD TABLET		951231	*
DECONGESTANT TABLET SA		951231	*	DECONGESTANT TABLET		951231	*
DEMI-COF PEDIATRIC STRUP		951231	*	DEMI-COF TABLET SA		951231	*
DI-MAPHER TABLET SA		951231	*	DIMEXIDUM EXPECTORANT		820515	*
DIZ-ZUSSING SYRUP		951231	*	DIME-TIME TABLET SA		973006	*
DONNAPHEN TABLET	250MG	810116	*	DONATUSSIN PEDIATRIC DROPS		951231	*
DONNAPHEN TABLET	16.2MG	951231	*	DONNAPHEN ELIXIR	16.2MG/5ML	821101	*
DONNAPHEN TABLET	16.2MG	973103	*	DONNAPHEN ELIXIR	16.2MG/5ML	951231	*
DONNAPHEN TABLET	16.2MG	951231	*	DONNATAL CAPSULE	16.2MG	951231	*
DONNATAL ELIXIR	16.2MG/5ML	951231	*	DONNATAL EXTENTABS	48.6MG	821101	*

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MAPHAZOLINE-A EYE DROPS	0.025-0.3%	821101	*	MAPHAZOLINE/PHEMR- EYE DROPS	0.025-0.3%	821101	*
MAPHCON TABLETS	0.025-0.3%	821101	*	NO-HIST CAPSULE		951231	*
MORFINE 150 CAPSULE SA	0.025-0.3%	973006	*	OPCON-A EYE DROPS	.027- .315%	821101	*
MORFINE 30 CAPSULE SA		951231	*	P.V. TUSSIN SYRUP		840901	*
PEDIACOF LIQUID		951231	*	PEDITUSS COUGH SYRUP		870115	*
PEDITUSS SYRUP		951231	*	PERHOLE 25MG TABLET	25MG	870115	*
PERMOL 50MG TABLET	50MG	870115	*	PERHOLE 75MG TABLET	75MG	870115	*
PERSANTINE 50MG TABLET	50MG	870115	*	PHEMCHLOR S.H.A. TAB SA		951231	*
PERSANTINE-S TABLET	0.6-0.2-40	951231	*	PHENOBARBITAL/ERGOT/BELL TAB	0.6-0.2-40	951231	*
PHENOBEL TABLET SA	48.0MG	973006	*	PHENYLEPHRINE EXPECTORANT		951231	*
PHENYLEPHRINE LIQUID		951231	*	PQC LIQUID		973006	*
POLY H1ST FORTE TABLET SA		880701	*	PRAMOX/HYDROCORTISONE 1% CR	1-1%	880701	*
PRAMOXONE 1% CREAM	1%	880701	*	PRO TUSS TABLET SA		951231	*
PRAMOXINE HC RECTAL FOAM	1-1%	880701	*	PROCLAN VC W/CODEINE EXPECT		820525	*
PRO-TUSS TABLET 1% CREAM	1-1%	880701	*	PROCTOFOAM-HC FOAM	1-1%	880701	*
PROCTOCREAM HC 25MG SUPPOS	25MG	973006	*	PROZYME 100,000 UNIT TABLET	100MU	821101	*
PROCTOSOL HC LIQUID		973103	*	Q-TUSS TABLET SA		973006	*
Q-TUSS HC LIQUID		840901	*	QUADRINAL TABLET		951231	*
QRP TUSSIN SYRUP		973006	*	QUINTEX CAPSULE		951231	*
QUINIDRINE SYRUP		973006	*	QUINTEX CAPSULE	25MG	880701	*
QUINTEX LIQUID		880701	*	RECTASOL-HC 25MG SUPPOS	1-1%	951231	*
RECTOCORT HC 1% CREAM	1-1%	880701	*	RECTOCORT-HC 1% CREAM		973006	*
RESCAPS-D SR CAPSULE		951231	*	RESPIRACAP SR TABLET SA		951231	*
REXATAL 16.2MG TABLET	16.2MG	951231	*	ROMALIN SR TABLET		840815	*
ROLATUSS/HYDROCODONE LIQ		951231	*	ROMALIN W/CODEINE EXPECT		973006	*
RU TABS		951231	*	RU-TUSS/HYDROCODONE LIQUID		951231	*
S-T FORTE LIQUID S/F		821101	*	S-T FORTE SYRUP		973006	*
SETAMINE TABLET		951231	*	SIL-TEX LIQUID	1/2	973006	*
SINUCON PEDIATRIC DROPS		951231	*	SINUCON PEDIATRIC SYRUP		951231	*
SINUCON SYRUP		951231	*	SPASTEMMS TABLET	16.2MG	821101	*
SPASTEM TABLET		951231	*	SPAZEMATE CAPSULE	2.5-5MG	821101	*
SUSAMO TABLET SA		951231	*	STATUSS GREEN COUGH SYRUP		973006	*
SUSAMO TABLET		951231	*	TEBAMIDE 100MG SUPPOSITORY	100MG	821101	*
TEBAMIDE 100MG SUPPOSITORY		821101	*	TEBAMIDE 200MG SUPPOSITORY	200MG	951231	*
TEBAMIDE 200MG SUPPOSITORY		973006	*	TEBAMIDE 200MG SUPPOSITORY		951231	*
THEOPHYLLIN TABLET		821101	*	THEOLIXR ELIXIR		951231	*
THEOPHYLLIN TABLET		973006	*	THEOTAL TABLET SUPPOSITORY		821101	*
TIGAN 100MG CAPSULE	100MG	951231	*	TIGAN 250MG CAPSULE	100MG	821101	*
TIGAN 200MG SUPPOSITORY	200MG	951231	*	TIGAN 250MG CAPSULE	250MG	951231	*
TOPIC FORM HC CREAM	3-1%	821101	*	TRI-PHEN-CHLOR PED DROPS		973006	*
TRI-PHEN-CHLOR TABLET SA		951231	*	TRI-PHEN-MINE PED SYRUP		951231	*
TRI-PHEN-MINE PEDI DROPS		951231	*	TRI-PHEN-MINE TABLET TD	1/2	951231	*
TRIAMINIC DR EXPECTORANT		951231	*	TRIPAN 100MG PEDIATRIC SUPP	100MG	821101	*
TRIBAN 200MG SUPPOSITORY	200MG	821101	*	TRIMAZIDE 100MG SUPPOSITORY	100MG	951231	*
TRIMETHOBENZAMIDE 200MG SUP	200MG	821101	*	TRIMETHOBENZAMIDE 100MG SUP	100MG	821101	*
TRIMETHOBENZAMIDE 200MG SUP	200MG	951231	*	TRIMETHOBENZAMIDE 250MG CAP	250MG	821101	*
TUSS-ALLERGIE CAPSULE SA		840901	*	TUSS VERNADE 40/75 CAP SA		840901	*
TUSS-DELAY TABLET SA		951231	*	TUSSIREX S/F SYRUP		951231	*

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TUSSOGEST CAPSULE SA		971001	*	UNK - UNK		951231	*
UNGUENTUM BOSSI OINTMENT		971001	*	UNK - DECON TABLET SA		951231	*
VANEX CAPSULE		821101	*	VANEX FORTE CAPLET SA		951231	*
VANEX CREAM LIQUID		971006	*	VASODILAN 10MG TABLET	10MG	973006	*
VASODILAN 10MG TABLET		951231	*	VETUSS HC SYRUP		973006	*
VICTORY CREAM	20MG	821101	*	VYTONE 1/1 CREAM	1-1%	821101	*
WEST DECON TABLET SA	3-1%	951231	*	ZONE-A FORTE 2.5% LOTION	2.5%	880701	*
ZONE-A-1% LOTION	1%	880701	*	ZTUSS EXPECTORANT		973006	*

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