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**TO:** All Medicaid Providers

**SUBJECT:** Garden State Health Plan Claims Submission

**EFFECTIVE:** Immediately

**BACKGROUND:** Garden State Health Plan (GSHP), the State-operated Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) for Medicaid beneficiaries, was sold effective July 1, 1997. Please refer to Medicaid Newsletter Vol. 7, No. 30, dated June, 1997.

**PURPOSE:** The Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services is reminding Medicaid providers to submit all outstanding GSHP claims in accordance with current Medicaid rules and regulations based on the following:

- 1) Claims for former GSHP members residing in Camden, Essex, Hudson, Passaic and Union Counties with service dates up to and including May 31, 1996, are now beyond the one (1)-year timely filing limitation. Outstanding claims will now only be considered through the New Jersey Medicaid program's Fair Hearing process (refer to your Medicaid Provider Billing Manual for instructions).
- 2) Claims for former GSHP members residing in Bergen, Middlesex and Monmouth Counties with service dates up to February 1, 1997 must be submitted for payment before February 1, 1998.
- 3) Claims for former GSHP members residing in Mercer County with service dates up to but not including June 1, 1997 must be submitted for payment before June 1, 1998.

- 4) Claims for former GSHP members residing in Atlantic, Burlington, Cumberland, Gloucester, Morris, Salem, Somerset, Sussex and Warren Counties with service dates up to but not including July 1, 1997 must be submitted before July 1, 1998.

Claims not submitted by the above-mentioned dates will only be considered through the New Jersey Medicaid program's Fair Hearing process.

All Medicaid providers should continue to 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 1-800-525-0047, or (609) 588-3580.

Regular claims issues or questions should be directed to Unisys Provider Services at 1-800-776-6334.

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