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TO: Providers of Pharmaceutical Services - **For Action**

SUBJECT: Generic Substitution of Interchangeable Drug Products (the "DURC Formulary") at N.J.A.C. 8:71 for Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD) and Senior Gold Programs

ACTION: Effective immediately, pharmacists shall use the Electronic Orange Book at www.fda.gov/cder/ob to verify FDA approval and an "A" rating of generic products for substitution. For Orange Book subscription information call 1-866-512-1800. When a possible interchangeable drug product does not appear on the Orange Book, the pharmacist shall consult the list of Interchangeable Drug Products (the "DURC Formulary") at N.J.A.C. 8:71. The DURC Formulary, including all additions and deletions through July 7, 2003, will remain in effect through May 17, 2005. When a possible interchangeable drug product does not appear either on the Electronic Orange Book or the DURC Formulary, the pharmacist must consult with the prescriber, and obtain permission and confirmation to dispense (see N.J.S.A. 24:6E-8).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Regional Pharmaceutical Consultant at (609) 631-4887.

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