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TO: Providers of Fee-for-Service Pharmaceutical Services

SUBJECT: Prescriptions Received by Non-Beneficiaries

EFFECTIVE: For New Jersey Medicaid, NJ KidCare, and General Assistance (GA) Pharmacy Claims with Service Dates on or after May 15, 1998

BACKGROUND: Prescription drugs are often given by pharmacies to individuals other than the beneficiary for whom the prescription is written. While it may be an appropriate practice for someone other than the beneficiary to pick up a prescription when the beneficiary is unable to do so, on occasion it may be an indication that a prescription product is being diverted for improper or illegal purposes. Therefore, in order to deter, identify, and investigate fraud and abuse, providers must require non-beneficiaries to provide proof of identity.

ACTION: If a prescription is **not dispensed directly** to the New Jersey Medicaid, NJ KidCare, or GA beneficiary for whom the prescription was written, and the **claim charge exceeds \$75.00, the individual picking up the prescription must present the Medicaid or NJ KidCare card or the current month's GA check stub of the beneficiary.**

If the Medicaid or NJ KidCare card or the current month's GA check stub is not presented, the prescription can be dispensed only if (1) the individual picking up the prescription can produce some acceptable form of personal identification, e.g., his/her driver's license, motor vehicle registration card, Social Security card, etc.; or (2) the individual for whom the prescription is intended picks up the prescription.

In order to substantiate that the procedure outlined in this Newsletter has been followed, you must maintain photocopies of the listed identification or other identification documentation (credit cards, etc.) presented.

If you have any questions regarding this Newsletter, please contact the Chief, Pharmaceutical Services, at (609) 588-2724, or the Chief of Investigations, Bureau of Program Integrity, at (609) 588-3058.

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