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# Newsletter

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**TO:** Providers of Pharmaceutical Services, Physicians, Independent Clinics and Certified Nurse Practitioners/Clinical Nurse Specialists - For Action  
Health Maintenance Organizations - For Information Only

**SUBJECT:** **Limiting Viagra Drug Coverage**

**EFFECTIVE:** Claims with service dates on or after June 13, 1998

**PURPOSE:** To notify providers of pharmaceutical services and practitioners of the State's decision to limit Medicaid, General Assistance (GA) and Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD) drug coverage of the new impotence drug Viagra, pending a final decision from the Federal Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA).

**ACTION:**

1. **For claims with service dates on or after June 13, 1998**, Medicaid, GA and PAAD coverage of Viagra shall be limited to male beneficiaries 21 years of age or older.
2. **For claims with service dates on or after June 13, 1998**, Medicaid, GA and PAAD coverage of Viagra shall be limited to 4 tablets in 30 days.

It is important to note that this decision by the State of New Jersey is an interim decision pending a final decision from HCFA regarding Viagra drug coverage by State Medicaid agencies.

If you have any Medicaid-related questions regarding this Newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact the Chief, Pharmaceutical Services, at (609) 588-2724, or the Unisys Pharmacy Consultant at (609) 588-6039.

If you have any questions regarding PAAD, please contact Kathleen Mason, Director of PAAD, DHSS, at (609) 588-7032.

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