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TO: Providers of Pharmaceutical Services - **For Action**
Health Maintenance Organizations - **For Information Only**

SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE MEDICARE PROGRAM

PURPOSE: To urge all Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD)/Medicaid/NJ KidCare participating pharmacies to become enrolled as Medicare providers.

BACKGROUND: The Medicare program currently covers some prescriptions and diabetic materials. PAAD, Medicaid and NJ KidCare fee-for-service programs are the payers of last resort. Consequently, we are advising all providers not currently enrolled in Medicare to obtain a Medicare provider number. The following are instructions regarding how to become a Medicare provider. There is no charge to apply.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1) Phone the National Medicare Supplier Clearing House (NMSCH) at (803)754-3951.
- 2) Provide the NMSCH with your federal tax identification number, (or employer identification number, if required).
- 3) Provide the NMSCH with the name and address of your pharmacy.
- 4) You will receive an application in 8 to 10 days.

- 5) Complete the application and return it as instructed. Processing time is approximately 8 weeks. There are NO application or processing fees to obtain a Medicare provider number.
- 6) Please submit your approval letter from the NMSCH or an original HCFA 1500 claim form imprinted with your Medicare provider identification number to the

Provider Enrollment Unit
Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services
Mail Code #9
P.O. Box 712
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0712

NOTE: (1) The Fiscal Year 2000 Appropriations language may require all PAAD, Medicaid and NJ KidCare pharmacy providers to be enrolled as Medicare providers in order to receive payment of PAAD, Medicaid and NJ KidCare pharmacy claims dated **on or after July 1, 1999**.

(2) Additional information regarding drugs covered by Medicare will be provided in a subsequent Newsletter.

If you have any questions regarding this Newsletter as it relates to Medicaid or NJ KidCare fee-for-service, 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) 588-7034.

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