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TO: ALL PROVIDERS

SUBJECT: DEBARMENT DIRECTORY - INTERNET WEBSITE
<http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/gsa/debar/debralts.htm>

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

ACTION: This Newsletter is intended to notify providers of on-line access to the New Jersey Consolidated Debarment Report that is issued by the Department of Treasury, Division of Property Management and Construction. This Report is a summary of agency debarment, suspension and disqualification actions taken pursuant to Executive Orders #34 (1976) and #189 (1988).

BACKGROUND:

- The Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) will, on occasion, exclude an individual or entity from participation in the New Jersey Medicaid, PAAD and NJ KidCare programs for good cause. These individuals or entities can include but are not limited to licensed practitioners, professional groups, corporations, institutions, suppliers, and officers or employees of providers.
- Such individuals or entities can be excluded by way of suspension, debarment, or disqualification, with each of these actions involving a different period of exclusion. Exclusions from program participation remain in effect unless and until the excluded party is reinstated by DMAHS.
- Individuals or entities are excluded "in any capacity," which means that they may not be reimbursed by the Medicaid, PAAD and NJ KidCare programs directly or indirectly. Any claims submitted for payment by or on behalf of an excluded individual or entity may be declined, and any payments made on those claims will be recovered.

- In addition, DMAHS will not reimburse any portion of an excluded individual's or entity's salary or other remuneration, if employed by or under contract to a facility or other entity serving Medicaid, PAAD and NJ KidCare beneficiaries. Further, an excluded individual or entity may not serve as a panel member or in the network of any HMO contracting with DMAHS.
- Finally, any individual or entity excluded from participation in the New Jersey Medicaid, PAAD and/or NJ KidCare programs is also automatically excluded from all state contracting, including contracts entered into with other departments of the State.

Providers are reminded that any provider who receives payments from the Medicaid, PAAD and/or NJ KidCare programs for a service rendered in whole or in part by an excluded individual or entity will be liable to reimburse DMAHS for any portion of such payments directly or indirectly attributable to the service rendered in whole or in part by the excluded individual or entity, together with any applicable interest and civil penalties as prescribed by law.

A listing of all such excluded individuals and entities appears in the New Jersey Consolidated Debarment Report that is produced and distributed by the New Jersey Department of Treasury, Division of Property Management and Construction, P.O. Box 039, Trenton, N.J. 08625-0039. This Report, which is updated quarterly, is a summary of suspension, debarment and disqualification actions taken in accordance with Executive Orders #34 (1976) and #189 (1988) by various State agencies, including DMAHS.

It is the provider's responsibility to ensure that any services or health care-related goods or supplies which are billed to these programs are not rendered in whole or in part by any of these excluded individuals or entities. Providers should familiarize themselves with this Report and list, which can be accessed under the title "Debarment Directory" via the website displayed in the subject line of this Newsletter. Copies of the list can be obtained by writing the Division of Property Management and Construction at the address mentioned previously.

If there are any questions concerning this Newsletter, please call Charles McCabe at (609) 588-3006.

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