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TO: All Providers - For Action

SUBJECT: 1. **Federal Exclusions Database**
<http://oig.hhs.gov/fraud/exclusions.html>

2. **State Exclusions Database**
www.state.nj.us/treasury/debarred/

3. **New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs Licensure Database**
<http://www.state.nj.us/cgi-bin/consumeraffairs/search/searchentry.pl>

PURPOSE: This Alert is intended to notify all providers of online access to three databases which should be used to determine whether an individual or entity is excluded from the programs administered in whole or in part by the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS), or whether an individual's licensing status has been the subject of disciplinary action by the applicable professional licensing boards of the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs.

BACKGROUND: In order to comply with Federal and State law, it is the provider's responsibility to ensure that any health care-related services, goods or supplies for which a provider seeks reimbursement from DMAHS are not furnished, ordered, directed, managed or prescribed in whole or in part by any excluded or unlicensed individuals or entities. Therefore, providers and applicants for provider status should check whether any of their current or prospective employees (regular and temporary), contractors, or subcontractors are listed in any of the databases noted above before requesting reimbursement from DMAHS for such services, goods or supplies.

If you have any questions concerning this Medicaid Alert, please do not hesitate to contact Margaret Bar-Akiva of the DMAHS's Bureau of Administrative Action and Recoveries, at 609-588-3034.

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