



State of New Jersey
Department of Human Services
Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services

MEDICAID ALERT

May 1994

TO: Providers of Pharmaceutical Services

SUBJECT: Reconsideration of Pharmacy Claims Previously Paid and Recaptured

BACKGROUND: The New Jersey Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services completed a recapture of pharmacy claims inappropriately paid for medications dispensed to the Community Care Program for the Elderly and Disabled (CCPED) and Home Care Expansion Program (HCEP) recipients reported on the Remittance Advice (RA) statement of September 1, 1993. These claims were voided under Edit 305, "CCPED or HCEP noncovered service".

ACTION: The Division has completed a review of potential reasons for the inappropriate submission of these claims to the Medicaid program and actions which the Division will take to assure providers the opportunity to have these claims reconsidered for payment.

1. In those situations where an alternative Medicaid number is available, the New Jersey Medicaid Management Information System (NJMMIS) will systematically link recipient eligibility to attempt a reconsideration of payment for certain recaptured pharmacy claims. Those payments will be processed and reflected on your RA dated May 25, 1994.
2. In those instances where a pharmacy can provide a copy of a Medicaid eligibility card which fails to indicate the CCPED or HCEP program restrictions, the Division will process those claims as "GOOD FAITH CLAIMS". (See Newsletter Volume 3 No. 1 dated January 1993)
3. In those cases where a CCPED or HCEP recipient has a valid Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD) eligibility number, those claims will be processed by the PAAD program. Claims which exceed timely filing limitations, must be submitted to:

Chief Pharmaceutical Consultant, Pharmacy Services
ATT: CCPED/HCEP RECAPTURED
New Jersey Division of Medical Assistance
and Health Services
Mail Code #20, CN 712
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0712

In order to minimize occurrences of pharmacy claim submission for CCPED or HCEP recipients, the Division has implemented the following changes:

1. The Recipient Eligibility Verification System (REVS) will be modified to notify inquiring pharmacists of special program coverage limitations.
2. The Medicaid eligibility card has been further modified to provide pharmacies with explicit messages regarding the eligibility of Medicaid recipients for special programs and program coverage limitations relevant to pharmacy services.
3. Case managers for CCPED and HCEP recipients have been notified to educate their recipients regarding the program service limitations of these special programs since drugs are not a covered service.

NOTE: It is the responsibility of pharmacy providers to review a Medicaid recipient's eligibility card at point of sale to verify their eligibility for Medicaid coverage and to determine if program coverage limitations apply to a service being provided.

If you have any questions regarding this Medicaid Alert, please contact the Chief Pharmaceutical Consultant, Pharmacy Services, at 609-588-2724.



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