



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

MEDICAID ALERT

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TO: All Providers

SUBJECT: New Message on Medicaid Eligibility Identification (MEI) Cards for Garden State Health Plan (GSHP) Recipients

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

BACKGROUND: All members of the Garden State Health Plan (GSHP), the State operated Health Maintenance Organization (HMO), have a printed message on their Medicaid Eligibility Identification (MEI) card. This message is intended to inform providers of any service restrictions and to provide essential information concerning the GSHP recipient's Medicaid benefits.

ACTION: The Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services has recently modified the HMO message on the Medicaid Eligibility card for Garden State Health Plan (GSHP) recipients. The new message reads: **SERVICES RESTRICTED, CALL HMO GSHP 1-800-525-0047.**

This new message is designed to alert providers of the presence of GSHP coverage, and to distinguish between other Medicaid participating HMOs. It does not mean that providers are required to contact the GSHP each time they provide a service to a GSHP member, unless there is a question or problem concerning policies and procedures.

The Division is currently transitioning to this new message. Therefore, providers may still see the old message which reads: **HMO--CHECK GSHP ID CARD.** With either message, GSHP members should present their GSHP gold identification card along with a current Medicaid Eligibility Card every time they receive services.

For further information concerning this Medicaid Alert, please contact the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, Garden State Health Plan at 1-800-525-0047.

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