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

MEDICAID ALERT

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TO: Providers of Pharmaceutical Services

SUBJECT: Change in Billing Procedures for Products Packaged as "Dry Powder" Packets

EFFECTIVE: Claims with Service Dates on or after October 1, 1995

BACKGROUND: Due to changes in the pharmaceutical marketplace, there are a number of products now available in single-use packages commonly referred to as "packets". Typically, these products include enteral nutritional products, such as Vivonex TEN, and may also include certain legend products, such as Klor-Con packets. The current "full commercial" package of these products in dry-powder form include multiple packets.

To ensure the proper pricing of claims for products packaged as "dry-powder packets", the Division is implementing a change in billing procedures.

ACTION: Claims for products packaged as dry-powder packets with service dates on or after October 1, 1995 shall be priced per packet. The metric quantity reported for these services must equal the number of packets dispensed. When the full-commercial package is dispensed, the metric quantity must equal the number of packets included in the package. For example, the full commercial package of Klor-Con contains 30 dry-powder packets. When dispensing the full commercial package of this product, the number of service units reported on the pharmacy claim must equal 30. When dispensing individual packets of Klor-Con, the number of service units reported on the pharmacy claim must equal the actual number of packets dispensed.

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

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