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**Re: Directory of Prescription Drug
Patient Assistance Programs**

Dear County Director of Social Services:

As you are aware, many pharmaceutical manufacturers provide assistance to individuals who cannot afford the costs of needed prescriptions. In 1994, this Division issued a publication that listed those manufacturers who had programs to assist individuals with prescriptions. This publication was issued under DMA Administrative Letter 31-94. It provided a list of the programs along with the eligibility criteria, drugs covered and how to apply. The purpose of this letter is to obsolete DMA Administrative Letter 31-94 and advise you of more current resources for accessing information about companies offering prescription drug assistance.

The following websites provide a great deal of information on available prescription drug assistance programs. Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA) has compiled a directory of prescription drug patient assistance programs. PhRMA represents the country's leading research-based pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies. The PhRMA directory provides information on each company's prescription assistance program(s). It lists available programs, the medicines covered and the eligibility criteria. PhRMA also provides a toll free number for ordering additional directories. You can access this directory via the Internet at <http://www.phrma.org/patients/>.

The NeedyMeds website provides similar information. On this website information can be accessed by program list or by drug name. Each link contains all the information about the program including the drugs covered, address and phone number, and the specifics of the program. You can access this directory at <http://www.needymeds.com>.

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We hope this information is useful to you as you help those citizens in need of assistance that are ineligible for Medicaid and may not know of these available programs.

If you have any questions, please contact your Medicaid Program Representative.

Sincerely,

Nina M. Yeager

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