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**Re: ID Card Insert for July 2005**

Dear County Director of Social Services:

Attached is the text for an insert that will be included with the July 2005 Medicaid ID cards. This insert is another tool to educate our Medicaid recipients who also have Medicare about the changes that will take place January 1, 2006, when Medicare begins paying for prescription coverage.

This insert tells recipients that they can potentially receive a 90 day supply of non-controlled, generic, maintenance medications so that recipients may have an adequate supply of these medications during the change in January.

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

Sincerely,

Mark Benton

Attachment

## **Attention: Medicaid Recipients Who Have Medicare**

As a Medicaid recipient with Medicare benefits you currently receive your prescription drug coverage through Medicaid. Effective 01/01/06, if you have Medicaid and Medicare, you will receive prescription drug coverage through a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan. You will be enrolling in a drug plan beginning in November. You will still be eligible for Medicaid to assist in paying other medical services.

To assist you in ensuring you have enough of your prescriptions during the transition in January, Medicaid does cover a 90 day supply of non-controlled, generic, maintenance medications as long as:

1. The doctor has written the prescription for a 90 day supply to be given at one time; and
2. Medicaid has paid for the medication in the past 6 months.

You may wish to talk with your Prescriber or Pharmacist about getting a prescription for a 90-day supply for any of your prescriptions you currently take that qualify for the 90 day supply.