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RE: Recipient Notices of Pharmacy Changes

Dear County Director of Social Services:

Two inserts explaining pharmacy changes that are effective October 1, 2003, will be mailed with the September Medicaid card. DMA will begin cost avoiding pharmacy claims for patients who have other coverage for drugs.

- The pharmacy will receive a denial through the Point of Sale (POS) system indicating that a third party insurance should be billed as the primary payer.
- Medicaid is billed as the payer of last resort.

The insert explains to the recipient that he must provide his third party insurance card along with his Medicaid card. It also states that Medicaid will pay only after the other insurance has been filed.

Medicaid recipients will be able to obtain a 90-day supply of medication if the claim is

- generic, non-controlled maintenance medication,
- recipients had a previous 30-day fill of the same medication.

The second insert explains that the recipient may be able to get a 90-day supply of certain medications for diabetes, hypertension and congestive heart failure and that the physician must prescribe the 90-day supply. There is one co-payment with the 90-day supply of medication.

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A copy of the insert is attached.

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

Gary Fuquay
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