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Memo

To: MaineCare Providers
From: Marcia Pykare, Manager
Date: 2/27/2004
Re: New MEDEL Program (Formerly known as HMPD)

Effective March 1, 2004 the State of Maine is implementing changes within the Maine Low Cost Drugs for the Elderly or Disabled Benefit. Changes include a new card that is printed on the Maine Rx Plus benefit card stock and will be identified by BIN: 005526 PCN: MEDEL and Secondary PCN: MAINERX, as both benefits may be listed on the same card. **You must look at the card to determine which program the member is on.**

The HMPD benefit terminates 02/29/04; existing members and their current id numbers will be transitioned into MEDEL effective 03/01/04. Retro billing for HMPD claims is supported through the HMPD program. **The member id number will be the same for both programs.**

To assist in the transition over to the new cards, members with existing HMPD cards can be submitted to MEDEL with the same member id number. The processor will identify a member if they are submitted under HMPD or MEDEL and process appropriately.

Providers that have not signed up for Maine RX Plus but are Maine Care Providers need to look at the new MEDEL card and submit the claim to the MEDEL program. Look for the PCN: MEDEL to determine if the member is MEDEL.

If you are not a Maine Rx provider and submit a Maine Rx claim it will reject with error code 40 "Pharmacy Not Contracted with Plan on Date of Service".

There will be a change in the covered drug benefit and members have received a mailing describing this change. We will send you a copy of this Member Letter.

If you have questions regarding the status of a claim, please contact the GHS Help Desk at 1-888-420-9711. If you have questions regarding the program, policy, or if a member has questions please call the BMS Help Desk at 1-866-796-2463.

Click the link below to see the new MEDEL payer sheet.
http://www.ghsinc.com/ghs_com/upload_del/MEDEL_5.1_payer_sheet.doc