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TO: All MaineCare Pharmacy Providers

FROM: Jude E. Walsh, Director
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SUBJECT: Pharmacy Updates

Effective 10/01/03 certain Diabetic Supplies can now be processed electronically through MaineCare's pharmacy claims processor known as MEPOP.

- Diabetic supplies include: monitors, lancets, lancet devices, alcohol swabs, test strips (blood and urine), and syringes
- HgA1C test results will no longer be required to bill test strips through the MEPOP system
- All third parties must be billed prior to MaineCare
- If you are not a DME provider with MaineCare you will need to balance bill (crossover billing for dual eligibles) on a paper BMS012 claim form
- Only items with an NDC listed on the MEPOP system will be processed
- All OTC diabetic supplies should be billed at your usual and customary charges and payment will be the lesser of AWP -13% plus 3.35, MAC, or usual and customary
- Diabetic supplies processed through MEPOP will be reimbursed on your MEPOP remittance advice
- Insulin infusion pumps and non-invasive devices still require prior authorization
- Only OTC's with a prescription and designated as preferred on the PDL will be reimbursed by MaineCare, please check the website at www.ghsinc.com for a list of preferred OTC's.
- All dosage limitations and diagnosis code requirements for OTC's will remain in effect