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TO: MaineCare Pharmacy Providers
FROM: Jude Walsh, Director
SUBJECT: Clarification of Maine Rx Plus and DEL Issues
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As you are aware, on January 17th the Department of Human Services started a new pharmacy benefit program, Maine RX Plus, for a new group of Maine citizens who were not enrolled in the MaineCare program but met specified family income criteria and/or drug expenditure limits. Since the initial notice to pharmacies on January 15th, we have become aware of several misunderstandings related to the program that we'd like to clarify with our pharmacy providers.

1. The only drugs covered under the Maine Rx Plus program are those listed as "PREFERRED" in our PDL found at <http://www.ghsinc.com/papage.php>
2. The reimbursement for Maine RX Plus covered drugs is AWP -13% + \$3.35 and we have proposed a statutory change to MaineCare Rx Plus to de-link the pricing from MaineCare.
3. The Maine Rx Plus enrollee's "co-payment" is mandatory. The patient is responsible for the entire discounted charge; the drug's AWP -13% plus \$3.35 dispensing fee. The dispensing of the drug may be withheld in the absence of this payment to the pharmacy.
4. Any drug requested by a Maine Rx enrollee and not listed as "Preferred" in our PDL should be handled as it would be for a retail customer.
5. We are currently mailing Maine Rx Plus cards to members. Please check the PCN # to be sure it says "MAINERX". Many DEL members are still using their HMP cards but will be issued a Maine Rx Plus card for the DEL benefit.

If you are a MaineCare provider, you need to honor DEL members at your pharmacy. Please check both the HMP and Maine Rx cards to see if the PCN number designates them as participating in the DEL program which may be identified by any of the following PCN #'s: HMP, HMPD or MEDEL. *If the Maine Rx Plus card has a PCN # of MAINERX then they are only subscribed to Maine Rx Plus.

We hope the above clarification is helpful to our pharmacy providers and that we continue to increase the number of pharmacy providers participating in this new program.