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SUBJECT: Co-payment Increase for MaineCare Members

This notice is to inform you that, effective for July 1, 2007, the Department of Health and Human Services has adopted emergency rules that increase the co-payment for MaineCare members from \$2.50 to \$3.00 per prescription. The emergency rules also increase the monthly co-pay cap from \$25 to \$30 per member per month.

These changes are required by State law pursuant to P.L. 2007, c. 240 in order to contain costs and ensure that adequate funding is available to continue providing various MaineCare services, including pharmacy services. The Maine Legislature has specifically instructed the Department to adopt emergency rules to implement these changes by July 1, 2007.

Enclosed with this memo you will find a "Notice to MaineCare Members" that we urge you to hang in the vicinity of your service area.

Concurrent with the emergency rulemaking, the Department will propose rules through the regular APA rulemaking process to allow for public comment. Rules and related rulemaking documents may be reviewed at and printed from the Office of MaineCare Services website at http://www.state.me.us/bms/rules/gen_rules_policies.htm or, for a fee, interested parties may request a paper copy of the rules by calling 207-287-9368.

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NOTICE

MaineCare Members with Pharmacy Co-Pays

Effective July 1, 2007

- Your \$2.50 co-pay will increase to \$3.00.
- If you get more than 10 drugs in a 1-month period, the most you will have to pay is \$30.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact the
MaineCare Pharmacy Help Desk at
1-866-796-2463