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TO: **Providers Indicated**

SUBJECT: **Prescription Limit**

Effective with dates of service on or after July 20, 2010, prescription limit overrides will be reduced from six (6) to a maximum of four (4) prescriptions per month for most adults as directed by the Fiscal Year 2011 State Appropriations Act. A base limit of four (4) prescriptions will continue to be available each month. This will result in a maximum of eight (8) prescriptions per month for most adults. There will be no exceptions granted for beneficiaries to receive prescriptions in excess of the 4 overrides. This change does not affect beneficiaries enrolled in a Managed Care Organization (MCO), beneficiaries who have not reached their 21st birthday, or beneficiaries residing in a skilled nursing facility.

The use of the prescription limit override should continue to be used only after the beneficiary has met the monthly base prescription limit and additional medication being dispensed is essential for the treatment of one of the following conditions:

- Acute sickle cell disease
- Behavioral health disorders
- Cancer
- Cardiac disease (including hyperlipidemia)
- Diabetes
- End stage lung disease
- End stage renal disease (ESRD)
- HIV/AIDS
- Hypertension
- Life-threatening illness (not otherwise specified)
- Organ transplant
- Terminal stage of an illness

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