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TO: Pharmacies, Physicians, Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, Oral Surgeons, Optometrists, Dentists, FQHCs, RHCs, Mental Health Service Providers, Hospitals and Nursing Homes

RE: UPDATE TO MONTHLY PRESCRIPTION LIMIT Effective January 1, 2014

Effective January 1, 2014, the Alabama Medicaid Agency will:

- 1. Limit the number of outpatient pharmacy prescriptions to five total drugs (including up to four brands) per month for adults. *Children under 21 and nursing home recipients are excluded.* Prescriptions will be tracked by the claims processing system, and up to five additional brand and generic antipsychotics, antiretrovirals, and anti-epileptic drugs will be automatically approved up to the 10 (total) prescription limit. ***Prescriptions for the three month maintenance supply will not count toward the monthly prescription limit. Due to this exclusion:***
 - Maintenance supply medications dispensed between 1/1/14 and 1/9/14 must be reversed and retroactively rebilled to be excluded from the prescription limit.***
 - Claims denied between 1/1/14 and 1/9/14 as a result of the prescription limit may now be eligible for coverage, and can be resubmitted.***
 - Maintenance medications dispensed on or after 1/10/14 will be excluded from the prescription limit. No further action will be needed for these claims.*****
- 2. Implement a mandatory three month maintenance supply program for selected medication classes. A maintenance supply prescription will be required after 60 days stable therapy. The selected classes can be found on the Alabama Medicaid website.**

Policy questions concerning this provider notice should be directed to the Pharmacy Program at (334) 242-5050. Questions regarding prior authorization procedures should be directed to the HID help desk at 1-800-748-0130.