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Policy Transmittal 01-07
Re: Revised VFC and Title XXI Enrollees

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Dear «Title» «LastName»:

Since 1998, Florida has been serving the Title XXI population under the provisions of the KidCare Act. One component of this program, MediKids, is a Medicaid look-alike program for children. The Medicaid HMO community has served this population since the program's inception. The purpose of this transmittal is to bring to your attention some of the changes that have occurred in this program, and to revise instructions previously given to you regarding reimbursement for MediKids immunizations.

MediKids eligibility is exclusively available for children ages 1 through 5. Initially MediKids coverage included the first year of life, but as of July 1, 2000, this group (children ages 0 to 1) is now eligible for Medicaid coverage. Thus, the MediKids program is only offered to children ages 1 through 5.

On June 28, 1999, we published Policy Transmittal #99-03, addressing important considerations regarding immunizations provided to MediKids enrollees. In summary, this policy statement explained the federal prohibition on the use of the Vaccines for Children program (VFC) for MediKids enrollees and included billing options and instructions. This policy remains in effect; however, we must revise the billing instructions previously detailed in that statement.

We have identified a systems problem that prevents timely and accurate payment when the HMO bills for these vaccines on behalf of the service provider. Since direct billing by the service



provider is not affected by this systems problem, we are removing the option of billing by the HMO, effective immediately.

It remains the plan's responsibility to identify MediKids members for subcontracted providers. This will ensure that these children are not served with VFC vaccine inappropriately and providers will be prompted to bill Medicaid's fiscal agent for the service. MediKids can be identified by using the monthly enrollment report (FLMR 8200-R004) that lists eligibility categories. MediKids enrollees are designated by one of the following program codes: MKA, MKB, or MKC. Please note that MKC is an additional category not listed in the original policy statement.

Title XXI vaccine reimbursement rates continue to be published quarterly and posted to our web site. You will find these rates, along with copies of this transmittal and a link to Policy Transmittal #99-03 at the following website:

http://www.fdhc.state.fl.us/MCHQ/Managed_Health_Care/MHMO/med_prov.shtml

If you have any questions regarding this policy clarification, please feel free to contact Jill Harvey at (850) 414-8974.

Sincerely,

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