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Policy Transmittal: HMO 08-06
RE: Notice of Discontinuation of Provider Default ID Usage

Dear Reform and Non-Reform Health Plan:

The purpose of this policy transmittal is to serve as notice that effective July 1, 2008, all prepaid Reform and Non-Reform Health Plans will be required to have Medicaid IDs for all required network providers. The default ID, 999999999999 or 000000000000, which was utilized heretofore, will no longer be accepted after said date. This puts into effect the requirements of Section VII, A. (8) and Section X, C.(2) (ii) of both the Medicaid Reform and Non-Reform health plan model contracts. The discontinuation of defaults applies to both the provider network report required in Section XII D as well as encounter submissions required in sections X and XII of the contract.

Pursuant to the requirements of section X, C. (2) ii., of the Medicaid Reform and Non-Reform prepaid health plan model contracts, all health plan providers will be required to apply for a national provider identification number (NPI) no later than May 1, 2008. Additionally, the provider contract shall require the provider to submit all NPIs for its physicians and other health care providers to the health plan within fifteen (15) business days of receipt. The health plan shall report the providers' NPIs as part of its Provider Network Report, in a manner to be determined by the Agency, and in its Provider Directory, to the Agency or its Choice Counselor/Enrollment Broker, as set forth in Section XII, Reporting Requirements.

If you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact your Health Systems Development contract manager at (850) 487-2355.

Sincerely,

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