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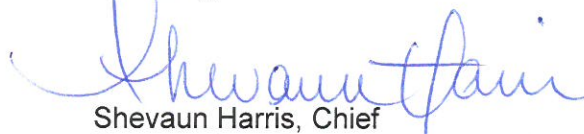
Dear Managed Care Plans:

The purpose of this letter is to remind you that providers (including hospitals) located in Georgia and Alabama that regularly provide services to Florida Medicaid recipients may enroll with Florida Medicaid and contract with Managed Care Plans as in-state providers. Durable Medical Equipment (DME) and medical supply and pharmacy providers must be located within 50 miles of the Florida state line to enroll as an in-state provider unless they supply DME or supplies not otherwise available from other enrolled providers located in the state. Providers enrolling as in-state providers must submit the same enrollment forms and meet all the in-state provider qualifications except that they must have the licenses and permits that apply to the state where they are located. See the *Florida Medicaid Provider General Handbook* for more information on enrollment requirements for Georgia and Alabama providers.

Many providers immediately neighboring Florida have established relationships with Florida Medicaid recipients in the rural areas of North Florida. In those areas, contracting with out-of-state providers may be essential to ensuring continuity of care and ensuring that enrollees have reasonable and timely access to health care services. If these providers are within the provider-specific time and distance standards required in Attachment II-A, Section VI, Providers Network Standards Table, they will be counted toward the geographic access standards required by your Contract.

If you have questions, please contact your Agency contract manager.

Sincerely,



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