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TO: All providers, Health Maintenance Organizations – **For Action**

SUBJECT: **NJ FamilyCare (NJFC) Coverage of Tobacco Cessation Products**

EFFECTIVE: Claims with service dates on or after July 1, 2018

PURPOSE: To notify NJFC providers and managed Medicaid plans of a policy change by the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) regarding coverage of tobacco cessation products by managed Medicaid plans.

BACKGROUND: Section 2502 of the Affordable Care Act requires that State Medicaid Programs provide coverage for all Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved over-the-counter and prescription tobacco cessation medications. This requirement applies to drugs covered through both the FFS program and managed Medicaid plans.

A DMAHS Newsletter Volume 27, No. 06 was distributed to NJ FamilyCare (NJFC) FFS providers and managed Medicaid plans clarifying FFS and managed care policies regarding coverage of all tobacco cessation modalities. The Newsletter also included a table identifying covered tobacco cessation medications and those products requiring prior authorization for members enrolled in managed care. In general, products requiring prior authorization included nicotine nasal sprays, nicotine oral inhalers and varenicline (Chantix®).

To ensure that members enrolled in managed Medicaid plans are provided unimpeded access to tobacco cessation products, the NJFC managed care contract for July 1, 2018 has been changed to remove a prior authorization requirement for all tobacco cessation modalities.

ACTION: **Effective for claims with service dates on or after July 1, 2018,** all tobacco cessation modalities shall be covered by managed Medicaid plans without prior authorization. The NJFC FFS program shall also continue its policy of not requiring prior authorization.

Drug Utilization Review (DUR) standards recommended by the NJDURB and approved by the State shall apply to all medications covered by the NJFC program.

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