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TO: Physicians, Dental Providers, Outpatient Hospitals, Podiatrists, Community Health Centers, Nurse Midwives, and Nurse Practitioners Participating in MassHealth

FROM: Wendy E. Warring, Commissioner

RE: **Suspension of Prescriber Bulletin 1—Certain Brand-Name Multi-Source Drugs**

***Prior Authorization
No Longer Required
for Certain Drugs***

In June 2000, the Division of Medical Assistance suspended MassHealth Prescriber Bulletin 1 (dated March 2000), which required prior authorization for brand-name multi-source analgesics, benzodiazepines, and muscle relaxants.

MassHealth members who could not get their prescriptions for these products filled as a result of the policy stated in Prescriber Bulletin 1 can have a new prescription for that drug filled without getting prior authorization. Any such prescription must comply with all applicable laws and regulations, including those governing medical necessity.

***Reimbursement to
Members***

If a member paid for a brand-name drug listed above between March 15, 2000, and July 4, 2000, instead of accepting a generic substitute, the member may be able to get reimbursed by the Division.

The Division will notify members who may be eligible for reimbursement, and provide instructions for requesting reimbursement. To receive reimbursement, the member must send to the Division, within 90 days of the date of the notice:

- a copy of the notice; and
- a receipt of payment or a printout from the pharmacy showing payment.

The Division will send a reimbursement check directly to qualifying members.

Questions

If you have any questions about the information in this bulletin, please contact the MassHealth Provider Services Department at (617) 628-4141 or 1-800-325-5231.
