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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
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To: Iowa Medicaid Pharmacy Providers
From: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise
Date: February 14, 2008
Subject: Maximum Allowed Days Supply for Prescriptions
Effective Date: **April 1, 2008**

Recent revisions have been made to the State's Rules governing the Department of Human Services which has removed an exception that has allowed for the dispensing of up to a 35 day supply for prescription medications dispensed to Iowa Medicaid recipients. To be more consistent with Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plans (PDPs), and other private sector third party payers, Iowa Administrative Code 441 Chapter 78.2(6)a. has been revised to the follows:

When it is not therapeutically contraindicated, the legally qualified practitioner shall prescribe a quantity of medication sufficient for up to a 31 day supply. Oral contraceptives may be prescribed in 90-day quantities.

These changes will be made to the Pharmacy Point of Sale system **effective April 1, 2008**. As your pharmacy has been identified as regularly dispensing more than a 31 day supply to Medicaid recipients, it is required that your dispensing procedures be adjusted to accommodate this rule change.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please call the IME Pharmacy POS Helpdesk at 515-725-1107 (local) or 1-877-463-7671. You may also visit our website, www.iowamedicaidpdl.com.