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Medical Assistance Letter (MAL) Number 499

To: All Pharmacy Providers  
From: Barbara E. Riley, Director  
Subject: Extension of Medicare Part D Co-Payment Assistance to Pharmacies  
Through February  
Date: February 1, 2006

On January 20, 2006, ODJFS released Medical Assistance Letter (MAL) 498 announcing co-payment assistance to pharmacies who serve dually eligible consumers. Governor Bob Taft has instructed ODJFS to extend this program for prescriptions filled through the month of February 2006.

As a reminder, we ask that pharmacies provide prescriptions to dually eligible consumers for the lower, correct co-payment even when the PDP reports a higher co-payment. In an effort to facilitate the dispensing of medication to dual eligibles whose PDPs indicate co-payments greater than \$5, without putting pharmacies at financial risk, the state will make up the difference between the co-payment reported by the PDP and the \$0-\$5 co-payment that the pharmacist charges the patient when it is determined that the patient is eligible for Ohio Medicaid in January or February 2006. While pharmacies are not obligated to participate, we appreciate your assistance in helping our dually eligible consumers. Requests should be made by fax using JFS Form 07116 (attached).

This program is available only for prescriptions filled for consumers who are both eligible for Ohio Medicaid and enrolled in a Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) on the date of service. It is limited to prescriptions filled for dually eligible consumers with dates of service January 1 through February 28, 2006. Fax requests must be received by March 31, 2006, to be considered for payment. Pharmacies should continue to work with PDPs to receive correct reimbursement through the PDP's online point-of-sale system.

A revised JFS Form 07116 reflecting the changed dates is attached. Please follow all other instructions found in MAL 498. MAL 498 may be accessed on the internet at <http://emanuals.odjfs.state.oh.us/emanuals/medicaid/Drug/>.

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