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To All Providers:

- The Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP) will have the following meetings to provide information and answer questions about the Hoosier Healthwise mandatory managed care organization (MCO) transition for Delaware, Grant, Howard, and Madison County providers.
 - The meetings for Delaware and Madison County are:
 - Date:** **February 24, 2004**
 - Time:** **9:00 a.m.**
 - Location:** **Ball Memorial Hospital – Auditorium**
2401 West University Avenue, Muncie, IN 47303

Providers may register for this meeting by calling (765) 747-3466 or (317) 655-3438 before February 20, 2004.
 - The meetings for Howard and Grant County are:
 - Date:** **February 27, 2004**
 - Time:** **12:30 p.m.**
 - Location:** **Howard Community Hospital – Cafeteria Conference Room**
3500 South Lafountain Street, Kokomo, IN 46902

Providers may register for this meeting by calling Vicki Arthur, AmeriChoice, (317) 655-3438 before February 20, 2004.
- Effective February 16, 2004, ACS will administer all prior authorization (PA) for the Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) pharmacy benefits program. Non-drug related PAs will continue to be administered by Health Care Excel (HCE). All PAs for drugs and Drug Utilization Review (DUR) edits will be administered by the ACS clinical call center at 1-866-879-0106.

This information pertains only to fee-for-service drug PAs. This information does not affect members or providers rendering services to members in risk-based managed care (RBMC). ACS will continue to accept faxed requests for all PAs and preferred drug list (PDL) proton pump inhibitors, but will not accept faxed PDL authorization requests. The ACS clinical call center fax number is 1-866-780-2198.

The ACS clinical call center is also extending its hours. The extended hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. The emergency supply feature, as outlined in the *IHCP Provider Manual*, Chapter 9, should be used when the ACS clinical call center is closed.

Direct questions to the ACS PA help desk at 1-866-879-0106, or access the IHCP Web site at www.indianamedicaid.com.

To Pharmacy Providers:

- Effective February 10, 2004, the State Maximum Allowable Cost (SMAC) rate for the following drug group will be updated.

Group	Drug Group Name	SMAC
430	RIFAMPIN 300MG CAPSULE	\$1.1042

Please direct questions concerning the SMAC to the Myers and Stauffer Pharmacy Unit at (317) 846-9521 or 1-800-877-6927, or by e-mail at pharmacy@mslc.com.

To Nursing Facilities and ICF/MR Facilities:

- The OMPP will hold free training sessions about *Form 450B* processing for nursing facilities and intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded (ICF/MR). The training will cover, completing the *Form 450B*, OMPP processing, and pre-admission screening/pre-admission screening and resident review (PAS/PASRR) processing. Nursing directors, admission coordinators, social service staff, and bookkeepers are encouraged to attend. Those attending should bring copies of bulletins *E98-35* published November 2, 1998; *E98-40* published November 16, 1998; *BT199939* published December 1, 1999; and *BT200002* published April 5, 2000. In addition to these bulletins, attendees should bring copies of banner pages published on February 3, 1998, and January 28, 2003. Copies of these publications are available on the IHCP Web site at www.indianamedicaid.com.

The training sessions will be held at the Indiana Government Center South Auditorium located at 402 West Washington Street in Indianapolis. Reservations are not required. Public parking is only allowed in Garage 1, on Washington Street. Parking is limited, and attendees are encouraged to plan alternate parking in the event the garage is full. Training sessions are being offered at two times on March 2, 2004. The session for ICF/MR facilities will be held from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The session for nursing facilities will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sign-in starts at 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. for the respective sessions. Please contact Donna Oland for nursing facility, or Monica Griffin for ICF/MR at (317) 233-3558 for questions relating only to the trainings.

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