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To All Indiana Health Coverage Program Providers:

- All Hoosier Healthwise Managed Care Organization (MCO) contracts will expire December 31, 2000, and new MCO contracts will take effect January 1, 2001. The state of Indiana has entered into contract negotiations with four MCOs. Important information about changes to the Hoosier Healthwise program can be found in the Indiana Health Coverage Programs bulletin *BT200049*, located on the Web site at www.indianamedicaid.com. This bulletin will be mailed to physicians with primary care specialties within the next few days.
- If an Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) enrolled provider experiences a change of address, tax identification number, license information, or any change concerning their group members' information, EDS Provider Enrollment must be notified immediately of the change. Delays in submitting this information to EDS Provider Enrollment may result in erroneous payments or denials. Updates must be sent on official letterhead, signed by an authorized officer, to the following address:

EDS Provider Enrollment
P.O. Box 7263
Indianapolis, IN 46207-7263

If there are any questions, please contact the EDS Customer Assistance Unit at (317) 655-3240 in the Indianapolis local area or 1-800-577-1278.
- For assistance resolving enrollment issues, providers can contact EDS Client Services at (317) 655-3240 in the Indianapolis local area or 1-800-577-1278, and select **option 3** from the voice menu. A client services analyst specializing in provider enrollment issues is available to answer questions.
- There are two ways to participate in the Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) as an enrolled provider:
 1. Rendering – A physician or other individual practitioner who is eligible for enrollment in the IHCP, and participates as a member of a group practice. All services performed by a rendering provider are billed by and reimbursed through the group practice. For example, a salaried or fee for service employee of a clinic or group is a rendering provider. Rendering providers do not receive direct reimbursement from the IHCP and should not receive a 1099 from the IHCP.
 2. Billing – A group, sole proprietor or facility that is paid by the IHCP for services performed. Billing providers should receive a 1099 from the IHCP for services billed.

- Prevnar, pneumococcal conjugate vaccine, polyvalent, is now available through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. VFC-participating providers may obtain a supply of this vaccine free of charge from the Indiana State Department of Health. Please note that the Indiana Health Coverage Programs' (IHCP) reimbursement for this vaccine will be limited to the \$8 VFC vaccine administration effective January 1, 2001. For service dates prior to January 1, 2001, providers may bill the IHCP for **either** the \$8 VFC vaccine administration fee, if administering VFC vaccine, **or** the provider's customary charge for Prevnar, if administering a privately purchased vaccine. Payment for a privately purchased vaccine will be the lesser of the provider's charge or the IHCP fee schedule amount of \$75.40 through the end of December 2000. If there are any questions, please contact the EDS Customer Assistance Unit at (317) 655-3240 in the Indianapolis local area or 1-800-577-1278.