INDIANA HEALTH COVERAGE PROGRAMS

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To: Prescribing Providers and Pharmacy Providers

Subject: "Carve Out" of the Managed Care and Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP) Pharmacy Benefits – Effective January 1, 2010

Effective for claims with dates of service of January 1, 2010, and later, the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP) will assume responsibility for the administration of the managed care and HIP pharmacy benefits. This is referred to as a "carve out" of the pharmacy benefits. All Hoosier Healthwise pharmacy claims that are currently processed by Anthem, MDwise, or Managed Health Services will be processed by the fee-for-service claims processor, EDS. At the same time, HIP claims that are currently processed by Anthem / Blue Cross-Blue Shield and MDwise / AmeriChoice will also begin being processed by EDS. Additional information will be provided in subsequent provider bulletins and banner pages.

Important Information – Carve Out and Tamper Resistant Prescription Pads (TRPPs)

Related to the carve out described above, we want to remind providers that all non-electronic prescriptions for fee-for-service recipients must meet applicable federal TRPP requirements. In part, this means that refills of prescriptions written for Hoosier Healthwise and HIP members prior to the January 1, 2010, carve out effective date, but that will be dispensed on or after that date, must meet TRPP requirements. As noted in prior provider communications regarding TRPPs, Indiana Board of Pharmacy security prescription blanks meet all TRPP requirements; therefore, OMPP strongly suggests that providers obtain a supply of those prescription blanks and use them when prescribing for their Medicaid patients. Please refer to the following Medicaid bulletins for information regarding federal TRPP requirements:

- <u>BR200733</u>, dated August 14, 2007
- <u>BT200724</u>, dated September 18, 2007
- <u>BR200741</u>, dated October 9, 2007
- <u>BT200810</u>, dated February 22, 2008

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