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Change in Banks for EDS

DMA has approved EDS, an HP company, to make the following changes for N.C. Medicaid payments:

- Issue warrants on a State Treasurer account rather than issuing checks from a bank. This will have no impact to providers' receipt of payment; however, the appearance of the document will include these statements:
 - "Payable at par through Federal Reserve System" with references to the N.C. State Treasurer.
 - "VOID AFTER 90 DAYS."
- Issue Direct Deposit (or Electronic Funds Transfer or Electronic Warrant) on a new Wachovia account. There will be no need to resubmit requests for EFT and there will be no transition period in which checks will be issued. Providers receiving funds directly into designated accounts may see slight changes in how the payments are referenced in their bank records, but will probably see very few other changes.

Providers may anticipate seeing these changes in January 2009.

Corrected 1099 Requests for Tax Years 2006, 2007, and 2008 – Action Required by March 1, 2009

Each provider number receiving Medicaid payments of more than \$600 annually receives a 1099 MISC tax form from EDS. The 1099 MISC tax form is generated as required by IRS guidelines. It will be mailed to each provider no later than January 31, 2009. The 1099 MISC tax form will reflect the tax information on file with N.C. Medicaid as of the last Medicaid checkwrite cycle date, December 29, 2008.

If the tax name or tax identification number on the annual 1099 MISC you receive is **incorrect**, a correction to the 1099 MISC must be requested. This ensures that accurate tax information is on file for each provider number with Medicaid and sent to the IRS annually. When the IRS receives incorrect information on your 1099 MISC, it may require backup withholding in the amount of **28 percent of future Medicaid payments**. The IRS could require EDS to initiate and continue this withholding to obtain correct tax data. Please note that only the provider name and tax identification number can be changed and must match the W-9 form submitted.

A correction to the original 1099 MISC must be **submitted to EDS by March 1, 2009**, and must be accompanied by the following documentation:

- Cover page stating instructions of what information needs to be changed and for which year(s).
- A copy of the original 1099 MISC form(s) or the last page of the last Remittance and Status Reports showing the total YTD for that specific year(s).
- A current signed and completed IRS W-9 form (<http://www.ncdhhs.gov.dma/formsprov.html#admin>) clearly indicating the correct tax identification number and tax name. (Additional instructions for completing the W-9 form can be obtained at <http://www.irs.gov> under the link "Forms and Pubs.") The W-9 form cannot be dated prior to a year before submission.

Fax all documents to 919-816-3186, Attention: Corrected 1099 Request – Financial

Or

Mail all documents to:

EDS

Attention: Corrected 1099 Request - Financial
4905 Waters Edge Drive
Raleigh, N.C. 27606

A copy of the corrected 1099 MISC form(s), along with a second copy of the incorrect 1099 MISC form(s) with the “Corrected” box selected, will be mailed to you for your records. All corrected 1099 MISC requests will be reported to the IRS. In some cases, additional information may be required to ensure that the tax information on file with Medicaid is accurate. Providers will be notified by mail of any additional action that may be required to complete the correction to their tax information.

DMA Website Redesign

Beginning in January 2009, the look of DMA’s website and many of the features on the website will change. These changes are part of the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services Website Redesign Project, which was implemented to improve the appearance and functionality of the 124 websites that operate within DHHS.

Some features of the redesigned websites include

- smart printing of content (not the navigation)
- accessible code and design, including-high contrast colors, scalable fonts, tabbed browsing, and an uncluttered page design
- expanded contact information

To assist with the redesign project, the DHHS Website Project Manager and the DMA Web Content Manager surveyed visitors to the website, analyzed statistics, and performed usability testing with providers. As a result of this research, the following web pages are now available on DMA’s website:

- A to Z Provider Topics page – An index of topics of interest to providers with links to web pages within DMA’s website and to the websites of our vendors.
- A to Z Provider Contacts List – A quick reference list of phone numbers and contact information frequently used by our providers.
- Claims – A brief overview of claims filing information from the latest version of the *Basic Medicaid Billing Guide*.

In addition to these new pages, DMA is working to improve the website’s search engine function and to refine the results.

Questions or comments related to the DMA website may be sent by e-mail to the DMA Webmaster at dma.webmasters@ncmail.net. For more information about the DHHS Website Redesign Project, visit <http://www.ncdhhs.gov/redesignproject/>.

Changes in Drug Rebate Manufacturers

The following changes have been made in manufacturers with Drug Rebate Agreements. They are listed by manufacturer's code, which are the first five digits of the NDC.

Additions

The following labelers have entered into Drug Rebate Agreements and have joined the rebate program effective on the dates indicated below:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Manufacturer</i>	<i>Date</i>
25356	Aceto Pharma Corp	12/18/2008
42747	Prostrakan, Inc	12/24/2008
43538	Medimetriks Pharmaceuticals, Inc	12/30/2008

Checkwrite Schedule

January 13, 2009	February 10, 2009	March 10, 2009
January 21, 2009	February 18, 2009	March 17, 2009
January 29, 2009	February 26, 2009	March 26, 2009
February 03, 2009	March 03, 2009	

Electronic Cut-Off Schedule

January 08, 2009	February 05, 2009	March 05, 2009
January 15, 2009	February 12, 2009	March 12, 2009
January 22, 2009	February 19, 2009	March 19, 2009
January 29, 2009	February 26, 2009	

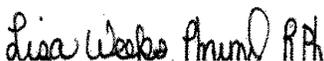
Electronic claims must be transmitted and completed by 5:00 p.m. on the cut-off date to be included in the next checkwrite. Any claims transmitted after 5:00 p.m. will be processed on the second checkwrite following the transmission date. POS claims must be transmitted and completed by 12:00 midnight on the day of the electronic cut-off date to be included in the next checkwrite.



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