

NOTICE TO MEDICAID RECIPIENTS

North Carolina Medicaid Recipient Management Lock-In Program

Beginning in July 2010, Medicaid recipients will have to use a single pharmacy and a single healthcare prescriber (doctor, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or dentist) if you:

- Use more than 6 prescriptions for pain medications for 2 months in a row.
- Use more than 6 prescriptions for anxiety (nerve) medications for 2 months in a row.
- Use prescriptions from more than 3 doctors for pain medications and/or anxiety (nerve) medications for 2 months in a row.

If you are selected, you will get a letter asking you to pick one pharmacy and one prescriber. If you do not pick a pharmacy and a prescriber, Medicaid will pick a pharmacy and a prescriber for you.

If you also have Medicare, and under your Part D coverage Medicaid pays for your anxiety (nerve) medications — diazepam (Valium) or related drugs — then the requirement for a single pharmacy and a single prescriber will apply to the drugs that Medicaid pays for.

Children under age 21 are entitled to prescription drugs that are needed to “correct or ameliorate defects and physical and mental illnesses and conditions” under the Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Program. For more information about EPSDT, please refer to: <http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dma/epsdt/>.

Who to Contact With Questions About This Information: You may also call the **CARE-LINE** at 1-800-662-7030 (English/Spanish) or 1-877-452-2514 (This is a TTY number and only those with TTY equipment can talk to a person when this number is dialed). The CARE-LINE is open from 7:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m., 7 days a week.