



**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
DIVISION OF MEDICAID**

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PROVIDER NOTICE

To: Mississippi Medicaid Pharmacy Providers
Date: August 27, 2012
Subject: **Hurricane Isaac Preparedness**

This memorandum provides important information regarding the MS Medicaid Pharmacy Program's hurricane preparedness plans. The intent of this action is to assist with Medicaid beneficiary evacuations from potentially affected areas.

The MS Division of Medicaid has temporarily suspended the early refill and monthly benefit limits for all Medicaid covered prescriptions. Until further notice, these limits will be suspended from August 27, 2012 to August 31, 2012 to allow our Medicaid beneficiaries to obtain their necessary medications prior to evacuating their homes. Drugs requiring prior authorization will continue to require prior authorization and any monthly quantity limits will remain in place.

Pharmacy providers are advised to use professional judgment in this situation. The Division of Medicaid will conduct audits after this event to ensure appropriate care was taken in dispensing medications for those dispensed during this time. Providers and beneficiaries residing and/or receiving care not in an evacuation area must have documentation on file to justify rationale for early/excess fills. Medicaid monies may be recouped if supporting documentation is not found.

We will continue to provide the most current, up-to-date information about the MS Medicaid Pharmacy Program on our website at <http://www.medicaid.ms.gov>

Contact Information

For Questions Concerning:

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