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To: All Vendors, Clearinghouses and Providers

RE: Preparing for the New Medicaid Claims Processing System

The new Medicaid claims processing system, called **interChange**, will feature a new fully functional web portal. The new web portal will replace the current Alabama Medicaid Interactive web site. The URL for the new web environment is not currently available. Upon the publication of the new URL, all agreements mentioned below will be processed and response letters will be sent out accordingly. It is imperative that these agreements be completed and sent to the EMC Help desk no later than August 1, 2007.

What Vendors **MUST** do to prepare for the web migration:

1. All new and existing Vendors will be required to sign a new Data Switch Agreement. This agreement must be completed and sent to the EMC Help desk prior to gaining access to the new web environment, as well as gaining approval to submit HIPAA compliant (X12 or NCPDP) transactions to be processed by Alabama Medicaid.
2. Alabama Medicaid billing software applications must be reconfigured to interface with the new web portal. A new version of the AL Vendor Specifications document has been published to provide software vendors with the new interface requirements.

Note: Provider Electronic Solutions (PES) software users will be provided an upgrade which will contain these configuration changes.

These documents can be found on Alabama Medicaid's Vendor page at:
http://www.medicaid.alabama.gov/old_site/hipaa/vendornews.htm

What Providers **MUST** do to prepare for the web migration:

1. Providers who submit electronically to Alabama Medicaid must complete a Trading Partner ID Request Form in order to continue exchanging electronic files with Alabama Medicaid after the implementation of interChange. This request form must be completed for each unique submitter and sent to the EMC Help desk. This form can be found on the current Alabama Medicaid Interactive web site at:
<https://almedicalprogram.alabama-medicaid.com/secure/webHelp.jsp>

If you have additional questions, please call the EMC Help desk at (800) 456-1242; (334) 215-0111 for out-of-state callers. Or via e-mail at:
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