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To: All Providers

RE: Beta Testing the new interchange System

Beginning November 5, 2007 all Providers and Vendors interested in trading electronic transactions with Alabama Medicaid will have the opportunity to test with the new interchange system. This testing includes NPI.

Recipient and provider test data is not provided for this testing. A conversion of the current production system has been completed and testers may use production information to test.

Expectations:

- Submit a 270 eligibility request and receive a 271 eligibility response.
- Submit a 276 claim status request and receive a 277 claim status response.
- Claim submission, retrieval of the 997 and feedback via email on adjudication results if requested.
- 278, 835 and NCPDP testing will be available at a future date.

Before testing, please review the following documents available on the Medicaid Website.

The Interchange Test File Processing Publication for Vendors and Providers contains useful information on obtaining a testing ID, whom to contact for testing questions, testing expectations and an example of how to setup an account.

http://www.medicaid.alabama.gov/old_site/hipaa/vendornews.htm?tab=5

The Alabama Interchange Vendor Specifications document is intended for Software Vendors to use when developing applications to interact with the interchange version of the Alabama Medicaid Interactive Web site.

http://www.medicaid.alabama.gov/old_site/hipaa/AL_interChange_Vendor_Specs_v1.0.pdf

The Alabama HIPAA Companion Guides contains specific requirements, such as NPI requirements, to be used for processing data in the Alabama Medicaid Management Information System.

http://www.medicaid.alabama.gov/billing/npi_companion_guides.aspx

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