

A Message to

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TO: Admissions Directors, Case Management Departments, and Directors of Managed Care of AmeriHealth Participating Hospitals in New Jersey,

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SUBJECT: New Visions Policy

The purpose of this bulletin is to advise you of AmeriHealth's policy and coverage position regarding The New Vision Program.

AmeriHealth HMO Inc. and its affiliates have reviewed the protocol of the New Visions Program and have determined that it most closely resembles the criteria of a substance abuse detoxification program. These services are part of the spectrum of behavioral health services that Magellan Behavioral Health contracts and manages on behalf of AmeriHealth HMO Inc. Therefore, all New Visions services must be pre-certified through Magellan at the following number: 1-800-809-9954. Interested providers should contact Magellan in order to credential and contract these programs.

For any questions regarding admission criteria for substance abuse detoxification patients, please contact Magellan Behavioral Health at 1-800-809-9954

Please share this information with your staff. If you have any questions about this bulletin, please contact your AmeriHealth Hospital Service Coordinator at 856-778-6500 or 732-726-6700.