A Message to

Business Office Managers

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Memorandum

TO: All AmeriHealth Contracting Durable Medical Equipment, Ambulance, and Private Duty Nursing Providers

FROM: Kathleen Mariano
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DATE: September, 2003

RE: HIPAA Compliance Update

AMERIHEALTH HIPAA Compliance Transition Tool Now Available

As a reminder, the compliance deadline for HIPAA Transaction and Code Set rules is October 16, 2003. By this time, you will need to have transitioned your current Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) transmission of electronic claims in National Standard Format (NSF) to the HIPAA 837P transaction. Over the past few months, we have been testing the HIPAA 837P transaction and anticipate a successful transition by the end of September 2003 with a number of providers. If you are ready to begin testing and converting to the HIPAA 837P transaction, or need help in meeting the HIPAA deadline, you or your vendor should contact NaviMedix®, Inc. Tech Support at (866) 877-6284.

We also provide a designated EDI services page on our Web site at *www.amerihealth.com/edi.* This Web page will contain HIPAA documents. Additional steps to help you or your vendor achieve compliance with HIPAA include:

- Obtaining certification of readiness to convert to the HIPAA 837P transaction.
- Upgrading desktop software to include the required HIPAA data elements.
- Becoming knowledgeable of AmeriHealth's *Transaction Companion Guides*.

We look forward to a smooth transition to the HIPAA-compliant transaction for our current EDI partners.