A Message to

Business Office Managers

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Memorandum

TO: Directors of Outpatient Registration, Directors Outpatient Radiology and Business Office Managers at Participating Hospitals in New Jersey

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SUBJECT: AIM Precertification Requirement for Radiology Services Effective January 1, 2005

Last year at this time, AmeriHealth informed you that AmeriHealth New Jersey had contracted with American Imaging Management (AIM) to implement the Radiology Quality Initiative (RQI) program.

Beginning January 1, 2005, the imaging services noted below will be subject to Precertification under AmeriHealth benefit programs. **AmeriHealth network physicians are required to contact AIM before ordering or providing any of these outpatient diagnostic imaging services: CT Scan, Nuclear Cardiac Studies, MRI, MRA, PET Scans**

AmeriHealth Network physicians have been educated to record the precertification number (previously referred to as the RQI number) on the prescription. Performing providers should document the precertification number on the claim submission. Hospitals and freestanding facilities that perform these imaging services cannot obtain a precertification number. Performing facilities or providers can confirm precertification numbers by visiting AIM's website via a link on NaviNet.

AmeriHealth PPO, AmeriHealth Point of Service, and AmeriHealth Traditional Members using an out of network provider for a CT scan, MRI, MRA, Nuclear Cardiac Study, or PET scan after January 1, 2005, will be responsible for contacting AIM before scheduling the procedure. Failure to notify AIM in advance of receiving these services from an out-of-network provider will result in a reduction of benefits.

For questions regarding this program, please contact the AIM Customer Service Department at 800-252-2021. For claim-related questions, please contact AmeriHealth New Jersey Provider Services at 800-821-9412, or your Hospital Service Coordinator.