A Message to

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Memorandum

TO: All AmeriHealth Contracting Home Infusion Providers

FROM: Kathleen Sullivan, R.N.
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SUBJECT: STAT Low Molecular Weight Heparin (LMWH) Program and New Reimbursement

AmeriHealth HMO its managed care affiliates are pleased to announce that effective immediately we will be implementing an outpatient program for the STAT dispensing of subcutaneous low molecular weight heparin (LMWH) for diagnoses such as deep vein thrombosis. Under this program, our participating physicians will direct members to home infusion providers that meet AmeriHealth's requirements, as described below, to provide LMWH with the appropriate technical and educational support.

AmeriHealth's requirements for participation in the LMWH program are as follows:

1. Provider must provide services for the initial treatment within 12 hours of receiving the request. Please contact AmeriHealth Care Management & Coordination (CMC) department at 1-800-227-3116 for an authorization.

2. Provider must have Registered Nurses on staff that can provide education to the patient or caregiver regarding the subcutaneous administration of LMWH and deep vein thrombosis prophylaxis during the initial visit and follow-up visits when medically necessary and authorized by Independence.

We will reimburse $60 for the initial LMWH dispensing service under code S9542- Home Injectable Therapy, not otherwise classified. All authorized drugs and nursing visits will be reimbursed separately.

Please note that this code and reimbursement will apply <u>only for the initial service</u>. All subsequent covered services will be reimbursed at the standard contracted rate for LMWH.

REQUEST FOR REPLY: In order to ensure that our records are accurate, please contact Melinda Branch , Ancillary Coordinator, at 856-778-6647 to indicate ability to provide STAT LMWH as described above.

We encourage you to share this information with appropriate members of your staff.