A Message to

Business Office Managers

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Memorandum

TO: Administrators of AmeriHealth Participating Skilled Nursing Facilities in New Jersey

FROM: Kathleen Mariano
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DATE: December 14, 2004

SUBJECT: WOUND VAC DEVICES

Due to the increase in the number of requests for wound vac devices, and in an effort to facilitate their approval and placement by AmeriHealth's Care Management and Coordination (CMC) Department, wound vacs will now be handled exclusively as a separate authorization. This will eliminate the need for SNFs to establish out-of-contract arrangements with AmeriHealth in order to receive reimbursement for the additional costs of the wound vac device.

Separate pre-authorization for the wound vac devices will be issued by AmeriHealth's CMC department to a participating AmeriHealth Durable Medical Equipment (DME) provider. The wound vac device will continue to be subject to the same CMC medical necessity criteria.

If you have any questions about this memo, please call your Hospital Coordinator. Please share this information with the appropriate members of your staff.

Cc: Business Office Manager