A Message to

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Administrators of Participating Freestanding Ambulatory Surgery Centers in New Jersey

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SUBJECT: CHANGE IN COVERAGE POSITION REGARDING EXTRACORPOREAL SHOCK WAVE THERAPY (ESWT) FOR MUSCULOSKELETAL AND PLANTAR FASCIITIS

Effective March 1, 2005, Extracorporeal Shock Wave Therapy (ESWT) for musculoskeletal conditions and plantar fasciitis will no longer be a covered service for members enrolled in AmeriHealth coverage plans. This change is a result of AmeriHealth's periodic review of medical policy.

As part of this periodic review, AmeriHealth's Medical Policy Department researches available clinical and scientific information regarding medical services. As a result of this review process, the medical policy addressing ESWT for musculoskeletal conditions and plantar fasciitis has been updated to state that this service is considered not medically necessary as of March 1, 2005.

AmeriHealth will not provide payment or reimbursement on any claims for services performed for these conditions on or after March 1, 2005. AmeriHealth members who have received ESWT have been advised that it is no longer a covered service.

If you have any questions regarding this bulletin, please contact your Ancillary Coordinator or the Provider Services Department at 856-778-6500.