A Message to

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Memorandum

TO: AmeriHealth Participating Hospitals in New Jersey

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DATE: April 29, 2005

SUBJECT: END DATE OF HIPAA TRANSACTIONS AND CODE SETS CONTINGENCY PLAN

Effective May 26, 2005, AmeriHealth will no longer accept electronic transactions submitted in proprietary formats. As of this date, non-HIPAA compliant electronic claim transactions will be rejected.

As you know, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) mandated compliance for electronic claim transactions by October 16, 2003. AmeriHealth following guidance published by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), developed a contingency plan that would permit us to continue to accept local proprietary formats for a reasonable period of time.

The contingency plan was developed to give providers and/or their trading partners ample time to become fully compliant by converting from the UB-92 electronic format to the HIPAA-compliant ANSI X12 837 Institutional Claims Transaction.

For assistance with converting to the HIPAA-compliant ANSI X12 837 Institutional Claims Transaction, please contact the NaviMedix®, Inc., HIPAA Conversion Team at 866-877-6284. For general questions, you may contact the e-Business Help Desk at 215-241-2305 or via e-mail, at Claims.EDI-ADMIN@amerihealth.COM.

In addition, effective in the third quarter of 2005, electronic claims submitted to AmeriHealth will receive priority processing over paper claims.

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