A Message to

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Memorandum

TO: AmeriHealth Participating Hospitals in New Jersey

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SUBJECT: DIRECT ACCESS FOR OBSTETRICAL/GYNECOLOGICAL (OB/GYN) CARE

As you know, the Direct Access Obstetrical/Gynecological (OB/GYN) Care Program is covered under AmeriHealth's basic medical benefits for members with commercial HMO, AmeriHealth Point of Service (KPOS) and AmeriHealth 65 coverage. This program permits all female members to obtain preventive and acute care from a network OB/GYN provider (physician or certified nurse midwife) without a referral from their Primary Care Physician (PCP), regardless of the place of service.

Examples of routine/preventive OB/GYN care are listed below:

- Breast examination
- Limited screening history and examination
- Pap smear
- Pelvic examination
- Specimen collection
- Urinary chorionic gonadotrophin (UCG)

Please Note: Direct Access does not apply to OB/GYN subspecialty care, which includes, but is not limited to, GYN Oncology, GYN Urology, and infertility services. A PCP referral **is required** for these services.

Please call the Care Management Coordination (CMC) Department at **215-241-2100** to obtain precertification for the following services:

- Any OB/GYN procedure performed in an ambulatory surgery center, SPU, birthing center, hospital's outpatient department, or during an inpatient stay

Please contact the Baby BluePrints/BabyFootSteps (BBP/BFS) Department at **1-800-598-2229** to obtain precertification for the following services:

- Obstetrical care - delivery
- Referral for a general ultrasound (normal pregnancy) to a site **other than** the PCP's capitated radiology site

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