A Message to

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MEMORANDUM

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TO: AmeriHealth Participating Hospitals in New Jersey

FROM: Michael S. Zollenberg
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DATE: August 28, 2006

SUBJECT: INTERQUAL® 2006 CRITERIA

The purpose of this communication is to notify all contracted facilities that, effective October 2, 2006, AmeriHealth New Jersey (AHNJ) will upgrade the version of the InterQual Criteria Products currently in use. This includes the related internal computer-system CareEnhance Review Manager Enterprise (CERMe) product version 5.0.1 release of the 2006 criteria.

The InterQual criteria are utilized by the Care Management and Coordination Department as guidelines to assist decision-making about medical appropriateness and level of care determinations. McKesson Health Solutions is the creator and proprietor of the InterQual criteria and the CERMe product.

The following 2006 InterQual Criteria products are impacted:

- 2006 InterQual Level of Care Products

  Acute Criteria: Pediatric, Adult
  Post Acute Criteria: Subacute & Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Adult; Rehabilitation, Adult and Pediatric; Long-Term Acute Care, Adult

- 2006 InterQual Care Planning Product

Please note that AHNJ will not be reviewing for Level III placement, as there are no credentialed or contracted facilities with Level III.

If you have any questions regarding this bulletin, please contact Barbara Bittenbender, Director of Care Management and Coordination, 856-778-6978.

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