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Dear Medicaid Provider:

As you may know, since the end of our eMedNY transition period on June 20, 2005 we have permitted providers to continue to submit legacy two-digit locator codes and two-digit license type codes instead of the eMedNY required three-digit locator codes and three-digit profession codes. Also, providers have been able to continue entering an eight-digit PA number, even in cases where an eleven-digit number has been assigned. The purpose for the accommodation was to give providers still experiencing difficulties with the new eMedNY billing requirements additional time to complete their conversions.

In previous communications we indicated that this accommodation would end by September 15, 2005. However, since the end of our eMedNY transition period we have had the opportunity to communicate with a number of our providers who have expressed serious concerns about their ability to complete their eMedNY conversion by the September 15 date. In response, **the Department has agreed to extend the compliance date to December 31, 2005.**

The Department's decision to extend the September 15 date should not be viewed by our partners as an opportunity to curtail or delay their eMedNY conversion efforts. On the contrary it is an opportunity for these partners to complete their eMedNY conversion without needing to worry about their Medicaid revenue stream. We expect that these partners will expedite their conversion efforts and be compliant in advance of the December 31, 2005 if at all possible. **The December 31, 2005 date is final.** After that date eMedNY will only accept the three-digit locator codes and license numbers must be preceded by three-digit profession codes. Claims submitted with the legacy two-digit locator code and/or two-digit license type code will be rejected. And eight-digit PA numbers will only be accepted where an eight-digit number was issued.

If you are one of our trading partners who have not been able to convert their billing system to accommodate the Phase II required changes you are urged to expedite your efforts. If you purchase software from a vendor or utilize services of a clearinghouse or a billing service you should contact them immediately and make sure they are aware of the eMedNY requirements and are proceeding aggressively with the changes.

Please do not hesitate to contact the CSC Provider Services if you need additional assistance or support. They may be reached toll free at 800-343-9000.

Thank you for your commitment and participation in the Medicaid program.