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**TO:** Local District Commissioners, Medicaid Directors

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**SUBJECT:** Delay of Transition (Carve-Out) of the Pharmacy Benefit from Managed Care to Fee-for-Service (FFS)

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 1, 2023

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The purpose of this General Information System (GIS) message is to notify the Local Districts regarding the Delay of the Transition (Carve-Out) of the Pharmacy Benefit from Managed Care to Fee-for-Service (FFS).

**Pharmacy Benefit Changes**

The State Fiscal Year 2022 Enacted Budget delays the transition of the Medicaid pharmacy benefit by two years, until April 1, 2023.