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

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**SUBJECT:** Viagra

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Immediately

**CONTACT PERSON:** See Below

Effective June 1, 1999, Viagra was added to the Medicaid Reimbursable Drug List. This allows Viagra to be dispensed at local MMIS enrolled pharmacies. The general Guidelines are:

Patient must be a Medicaid enrolled male, 19 years or older

Patient must have a diagnosis of erectile dysfunction that has been determined after examination by a prescriber. No telephone diagnosis is allowed. Complete medical documentation must be maintained by the prescriber and is subject to potential medical review and audit. The prescriber may then write a prescription for a single strength of Viagra.

The patient may obtain only one Viagra prescription per month at any Medicaid enrolled pharmacy.

The prescription may be written for up to six tablets of a single strength of Viagra. A six tablet supply will not be refilled earlier than 30 days. No vacation supply or lost medication requests will be approved. A prescription may have up to two refills.

Submitted claims will be subject to all on-line Drug Utilization Review (DUR) edits. Pharmacists have been warned not to override any Therapeutic Duplication alerts. Also Drug/Drug warnings will be sent when a nitrate or nitrate containing compound is also being received by the recipients. All overrides are subject to medical review and audit.

Since July 1, 1999, prescriptions for Viagra are also subject to Dispensing Validation System (DVS) edits. Pharmacists have been informed of the procedure but there may be some confusion at first. If you are contacted, please refer calls to the appropriate numbers.

Policy questions regarding Viagra may be referred to the Pharmacy Policy Unit of the Office of Medicaid Management at (518) 486-3209.

Pharmacies requiring assistance with the on-line billing process should contact Deluxe Data at 1-800-343-9000.