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Read this notice to find out about important changes to your Medicaid benefits!

Medicaid is making three changes to your benefits. The changes are:

- 1) **Starting October 1, 2013**, Medicaid will no longer pay for over-the-counter (OTC) drugs for adults and children. The only exceptions will be for insulin, syringes, and specialized nutritional products.
- 2) **Starting January 1, 2014**, Medicaid will only allow you to get up to five (5) drugs a month if you are an adult 21 years of age or older. Only four (4) may be brand name drugs. This rule does not apply if you take antipsychotic drugs or drugs for HIV or seizures. People who need these types of drugs can get up to five (5) extra drugs in certain cases. This rule does not apply to nursing home patients or to children under age 21.
- 3) **Starting January 1, 2014**, Medicaid will require that certain drugs for children and adults be prescribed and dispensed in a three-month supply. The three month supply will only count towards the prescription limit for the month in which it is filled.



What does this mean for you?

- If you take more than five drugs a month and are over the age of 21, talk to your doctor now about how to manage your medicine in the future. After January 1, 2014, Medicaid will only pay for a total of five (5) drugs a month, even if your doctor gives you more than five (5) prescriptions. The only exception is if you take antipsychotic drugs, drugs for HIV, or drugs to prevent seizures.

Call **1-800-362-1504** toll-free for help. To report fraud call: 1-866-452-4930.

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REMINDER: All Medicaid recipients must show their Medicaid card and an ID to a provider when seeking treatment or service under the Medicaid Program.