



September 19, 2012

**Re: Changes to Healthfirst NJ Medicare Plans**

Dear Healthfirst NJ Participating Provider:

As you know, Healthfirst NJ is committed to improving the health and well-being of underserved populations by providing quality managed care through our partnerships with hospitals and valued providers like you.

We have offered Medicare Advantage Plans as an approved organization with Medicare since 2007. After careful consideration, we have chosen to discontinue three of our Medicare Advantage Plans to focus on our Healthfirst NJ Maximum Plan (HMO SNP), a special needs plan that is designed for people who are eligible for both Medicare and full assistance through New Jersey Medicaid ("dual eligible").

Effective January 1, 2013, Healthfirst NJ will no longer offer the following Medicare Advantage Plans: Healthfirst NJ Coordinated Benefits Plan (HMO), Healthfirst NJ Increased Benefits Plan (HMO) and Healthfirst NJ Medicare Plus Plan (HMO).

Healthfirst NJ will cover Medicare benefits for your patients enrolled in these plans through December 31, 2012. Because their coverage in our programs is ending, these members have a special right to join a new Medicare plan. They can choose another Medicare Advantage Plan, or change to original Medicare and a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan, anytime between October 15, 2012 and February 28, 2013. We will inform our members of these changes and provide information on how they can join another Medicare Advantage Plan.

Current members of the Healthfirst NJ Maximum Plan do not need to take any action at this time. Benefits and service will continue for these members without interruption. We will continue to coordinate their Medicare and Medicaid services through our provider network.

Please share this information with your staff. As changes in our programs and policies occur, updates may be found online at [www.healthfirstnj.org](http://www.healthfirstnj.org) and in our provider manual and newsletters. Should you have additional questions, you may contact your network representative or call our Provider Services team at 1-866-889-2523 (Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm).

We appreciate having you in the Healthfirst NJ network, and thank you for providing quality healthcare to our members.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jessica Gamzon".

Jessica Gamzon  
Director, Network Management