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MEMORANDUM

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TO: All Medicaid Providers

FROM: Aileen Hiramatsu, Med-QUEST Division Administrator *ah*

SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL PRIOR AUTHORIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR
PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

As many of you are aware, prescription drug expenditures for the fee-for-service Medicaid program for the aged, blind and disabled (ABD) have been increasing each year at a rate well above inflation. In order to maintain its benefit budget, the Department of Human Services will be implementing additional prior authorization requirements for certain prescription drugs. The department has established an ad hoc Medicaid Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee to review pertinent clinical and financial data and to make recommendations to the department. The department invites you to learn more about the process and to ask questions. We hope you will be able to attend.

DATE: November 5, 2003

PLACE: Ala Moana Hotel, Garden Lanai,
410 Atkinson Drive, Honolulu, Hawaii

TIME: 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

For those of you who are unable to attend, the presentation will be available on the following websites:

Med-QUEST Division website www.med-quest.us
ACS website www.himed-questffs.org

Additionally, upon request, ACS will be able to mail the information to you. Please call the ACS State Health Care – local office at (808) 674-8001 to request the information.