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MARY PAT MOORE, INTERIM SECRETARY

May 26, 2004

Dear Medicaid Dental Provider:

The 2003 Florida Legislature authorized the Agency for Health Care Administration to contract with prepaid dental health plans (PDHP) for the provision of dental services. In the effort to bring accessible, affordable, quality health care to our Medicaid beneficiaries the Agency is contracting with a prepaid dental health plan to provide dental benefits. Dental services will be provided through the prepaid dental health plan for all children in Miami-Dade County except those enrolled in an HMO that provides dental coverage.

Effective July 1, 2004, Atlantic Dental Inc. (ADI) will be the Medicaid prepaid dental health plan for Miami-Dade County. Thereafter, Medicaid fee-for-service will no longer reimburse dental providers for children through age 20 and residing in Miami-Dade County.

ADI will provide all children's dental services pursuant to the Medicaid Dental Coverage and Limitations Handbook. ADI will ensure continuity of care for each member. New members who are receiving treatment with a dentist not in ADI's network should contact ADI at 800-964-7811. ADI shall be responsible for payment of covered services to the existing treating provider at a prior negotiated rate or the lesser of the provider's usual and customary rate or the established Medicaid fee-for-service rate for such services until ADI is able to evaluate the need for ongoing services. Children receiving medically necessary treatment may continue receiving care from their current dentist for a period of one month after the effective date of enrollment or until ADI's primary dental provider assigned to that member reviews and assumes responsibility for the member's treatment plan, whichever occurs first. ADI will ensure reimbursement to providers for active orthodontia until completion of care, regardless of provider network affiliation.

You will receive additional information directly from ADI regarding participation in their network. If you should have any questions you may contact Christina Lopez of my staff at (850) 487-2355.

Sincerely,

Steven A. Grigas
Acting Deputy Secretary for Medicaid

