Dear Insulin User:

This letter is to inform you of a change to the Medicaid program that affects recipients who use the following Humulin brand insulins: Humalog and Humalog Mix 75/25. The following Novolin brand insulins are included on the Medicaid Preferred Drug List: Novolin 70/30, Novolin N, Novolin R, Novolin L, Novolog and Novolog Mix 70/30. Novolin and Humulin are two different brands of the same insulin products. The Novolin brand will be available through a prescription and will not need any further approval. If there is a medical reason to use the Humulin brand, your doctor or nurse can obtain authorization by calling Medicaid. This will begin on March 1, 2003.

All Medicaid physicians who routinely prescribe these insulins and Medicaid pharmacists who fill these prescriptions were notified of this change. Your Medicaid pharmacist has been asked to notify your prescriber if your insulin prescriptions have not been changed to the Novolin brand.

If you have any questions, please talk with your pharmacist or prescriber, or you may call the Medicaid Area Office in your community.

Sincerely,

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