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HUDSON COUNTY PHARMACY AGREES TO REPAY \$630,790 TO MEDICAID

TRENTON – Bergenline Pharmacy in West New York will repay \$630,790 in overpayments to the Medicaid program after a pharmacy inventory analysis conducted by the Office of the State Comptroller, Medicaid Fraud Division (MFD), found 3,541 submitted claims that could not be supported by wholesaler invoices.

Bergenline Pharmacy also agreed to implement a Corrective Action Plan that requires the submission of inventory reports to the MFD, under terms of its settlement. The three-year plan requires the submission of quarterly reports in the first year, semi-annual reports in the second year and an annual report in the third year.

"Proper documentation for pharmaceutical products provided to beneficiaries is vital to ensuring the proper operation of the Medicaid program. The Corrective Action Plan is an additional safeguard agreed upon to secure compliance moving forward," State Comptroller Philip James Degnan said.

MFD serves as the State's independent watchdog for New Jersey's Medicaid program and works to ensure that the State's Medicaid dollars are being spent appropriately. As part of its oversight role, MFD audits and investigates health care providers, managed care organizations and Medicaid beneficiaries to identify and recover improperly expended Medicaid funds.

Suspected Medicaid waste, fraud or abuse can be reported to the MFD by calling its toll-free hotline at 1-888-937-2835 or by submitting a complaint form located at http://www.state.nj.us/comptroller/divisions/medicaid/complaint.html.

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