
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: SMITH
SUBJECT: MCKESSON DISEASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM/PHARMACISTS ISSUES
DATE: 11/1/02
CC: RENICK

Staff from the Division of Medicaid called and said that the opt-out period applies only to McKesson and the Disease Management Program, not Health Alliance. McKesson said that the information sent to beneficiaries would be clear that they have a **choice of pharmacy providers**. This **applies to the opt-out period and anytime while a patient is enrolled in the program**. The patient will never be locked in to Health Alliance and **any pharmacy provider that the patient chooses will be reimbursed**, provided that the pharmacy is enrolled as a Medicaid provider.

We will not have the data about the potential lose of revenue to the independent pharmacists yet. They are running the numbers and should have it to us the first part of next week.

I have attached an e-mail from Medicaid for your review. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to let me know.