

## GUIDELINES FOR ETHICAL BEHAVIOR BY MEMBERS OF THE PHARMACY AND THERAPEUTICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Members of the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Advisory Committee, *as* participating Medicaid providers, shall adhere to the following guidelines of ethical behavior during their tenure on the Advisory Committee:

1. A member may not disclose to the public any information deemed confidential by law and made available to the membership of the Advisory Committee by the Department for Medicaid Services or its agents.
2. A member of the Advisory Committee shall not solicit *gifts*. A member of the Advisory Committee shall not accept gifts from any person, partnership, corporation, or other entity having business with the Advisory Committee, in excess of twenty five dollars (\$25.00) total in one year, with the exception of the value of drug samples not for resale routinely distributed to Medicaid providers in the ordinary course of business by pharmaceutical sales representatives.
3. A member of the Advisory Committee shall abstain from voting on an issue in the event of a conflict of interest. A “conflict of interest” is deemed to exist when there is a substantial threat to independence of judgment created by personal or private interest, or when the issue in question will affect a member of the Advisory Committee in a manner differently that it would affect other members of the same business, occupation, profession or group.
4. A member of the Advisory Committee *may* not speak for the Advisory Committee in any other forum without prior notification to and approval of the Chair of the Advisory Committee.