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MEDICAID COMMUNICATION 85-7

TO: County Welfare Agency Directors DATE: October 2, 1985

SUBJECT: New Legislation Regarding Private Pay Contracts and
Discrimination Against Medicaid Eligible Patients

Governor Thomas H. Kean recently signed a law (L.1985, c.303) which is of particular importance to persons seeking admission to a Medicaid nursing home. It prohibits nursing homes from denying admission to a Medicaid applicant if a bed is available and the nursing home is below a specific occupancy level. The law also prohibits nursing homes from requiring any payment from a Medicaid eligible person or his/her family as a condition for admission or for a continued stay at a nursing home.

A bilingual stuffer has been prepared (copy attached) to inform the Medicaid population of this law and advising that the Medicaid District Office should be notified in the event a nursing home violates the law. The County Welfare Agencies are requested to include this stuffer with the mailing of checks and Medicaid validation stubs for November 1, 1985. Your agency should be receiving a supply of stuffers by October 15, 1985.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas M. Russo, Director
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and Health Services

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cc: Larry J. Lockhart
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Governor Thomas H. Kean signed a law on August 23, 1985 which is important to persons seeking admission to a Medicaid nursing home. It prohibits nursing homes from denying admission to a Medicaid applicant if a bed is available and the home is below a specific occupancy level. The law also prohibits nursing homes from requiring any payment from a Medicaid eligible person or his/her family as a condition for admission or for a continued stay at a nursing home. The Medicaid District Office should be notified immediately if this law is not followed.

**Estado de New Jersey
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El señor gobernador, Thomas H. Kean firmó una ley el 23 de agosto de 1985, la cual es de importancia para las personas que desean ser admitidas en un centro asistencial de Medicaid para el cuidado de ancianos, convalecientes o enfermos crónicos. Esta ley prohíbe que dichos centros asistenciales se nieguen a admitir a una persona que solicita Medicaid si existe una cama disponible y si el número de personas en el centro asistencial se encuentra por debajo de un número específico de ocupantes. La ley prohíbe también que estos centros asistenciales exijan cualquier pago a una persona elegible para recibir Medicaid o a su familia, como condición previa para su admisión o para su permanencia continuada en el centro asistencial. La Oficina de Medicaid del Distrito deberá ser notificada inmediatamente si esta ley no se cumple.