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MEDICAID COMMUNICATION 86-7

TO: County Welfare Agency Directors DATE: December 1, 1986

SUBJECT: Revisions to the Community Care Program for the Elderly and Disabled - CCPED (Medicaid's Waiver)

The Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services recently received approval from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Care Financing Administration, to amend the Community Care Program for the Elderly and Disabled (CCPED). The following changes will be included in our Operational Procedures under revision and will be sent to you at a later date:

1. Increase Community Care Slots by 300 (from the present statewide number of 1800 to 2100)

Because of the excellent response to CCPED, which began in October, 1983, we have requested 300 additional slots to provide services to individuals waiting admission to the program. To date, about 3300 individuals have received services statewide in CCPED.

Our Medicaid District Office Directors will coordinate the request for additional slots which will be allocated from our Central Office.

2. Broaden the Definition of Program Eligibility

In response to those few applicants who are greatly in need of services under CCPED to avoid institutionalization, but who do not meet the current program requirements, the Division has received approval to amend our requirements. The revised program requirements are underlined.

- a) Individuals must be 65 and over and be eligible for Medicare

benefits or have other medical insurance which includes physician coverage and hospitalization.

- b) Individuals under the age of 65 must be determined disabled by the Social Security Administration or by the New Jersey Division of Public Welfare, Bureau of Medical Affairs, using SSA criteria, and be eligible for Medicare benefits, or have other medical coverage which includes physician and hospital care.

As before, the determination of eligibility will be made by the County Welfare Agencies. During this process, applicants without Medicare coverage will be requested by the County Welfare Agencies to provide a copy of other medical insurance or supporting evidence that the above requirement is being met.

This revision means that individuals with other pensions, such as railroad retirement, who have appropriate medical coverage, would now be eligible.

3. Allow Individual Exceptions to the 70% Service Cap Limitation
Experience with CCPED has demonstrated that a few waiver clients are in need of more and costlier services than can be provided under the current 70% of nursing home cap.

The Division has requested and received approval from HCFA to amend our program as follows:

For 90% of the clients, the overall Medicaid cost of the individual service plan will continue to be less than 70% of the cost of nursing home care. However, 10% of the total slots statewide can be served up to 100% of the cost of nursing home care, if authorized by Medicaid's physician consultant in each Medicaid District Office.

The above amendment to CCPED is provided for your information only.

It is the responsibility of the client's case manager, in conjunction with the Medicaid District Office and service provider,

to develop an appropriate service plan to meet the client's health care needs.

I am pleased that our Division has been able to respond favorably to suggestions made by your staff involved in the implementation of this program. I am certain that the revisions described in this Communication will enable us to provide a more effective program to our elderly and disabled population.

Sincerely yours,



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