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MEDICAID COMMUNICATION NO. 02- 11

DATE: February 27, 2002

TO: County Welfare Agency Directors
NJ FamilyCare Liaisons
Statewide Eligibility Determination Agency
ISS Area Supervisors

SUBJECT: Increased Income Eligibility Standards; New Jersey
Care...Special Medicaid Programs and NJ FamilyCare
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This is to advise that the federal poverty level guidelines for 2002 were published in the February 14, 2002 issue of the Federal Register. Attached are the corresponding new income standards for the New Jersey Care...Special Medicaid Programs and NJ FamilyCare. These new standards are retroactively effective to January 1, 2002 for both programs.

The county board of social services (CBOSS) and ISS offices shall immediately review all cases that would otherwise have been terminated from the aged, blind or disabled segment of the New Jersey Care...Special Medicaid Programs as a result of the Social Security cost-of-living increase. No action is required for those cases that remain eligible under the new income standards. Any of the continued cases that are not eligible under the new standards shall be terminated effective May 1, 2002. Adverse action requirements must, of course, be met.

Because these standards are retroactively effective to January 1, 2002, the CBOSS and statewide eligibility determination agency shall also review all applicable New Jersey Care and NJ FamilyCare cases determined ineligible for Plan A because of excess income since that date. These cases should be reevaluated for eligibility under the new standards. Any Plan A case found to be eligible shall be accreted to the eligibility file with an effective date of January 1, 2002, or the date of application, whichever is later.

Additionally, if you are aware of any current NJ FamilyCare Plan B case that may now qualify for Plan A coverage as a result of the increase in the FPL, you are asked to reevaluate eligibility for Plan A coverage, retroactive to January 2002, and to advise the beneficiary of the change in coverage and change in Medicaid Eligibility Identification Number, if necessary.

Questions regarding this communication should be referred the Bureau of Eligibility Policy or to the field staff assigned to your county by calling (609) 588-2556.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deborah C. Bradley".

Deborah C. Bradley
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Attachment

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2002 Income Standards for New Jersey Care and NJ FamilyCare

Family Size	AFDC Medicaid (July 16,1996)		Children/ Pregnant Women A Up to 100% of the Poverty Level		Children/ Parents Pregnant Women A Up to 133% of the Poverty Level		Children B Parents D Up to 150% of the Poverty Level		Pregnant Women and Children Under the Age of 1 A Up to 185% of the Poverty Level	
	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly
1	\$2,220	\$185	\$8,860	\$739	\$11,784	\$982	\$13,290	\$1,108	\$16,391	\$1,366
2	4,428	369	11,940	995	15,881	1,324	17,910	1,493	22,089	1,841
3	5,316	443	15,020	1,252	19,977	1,665	22,530	1,878	27,787	2,316
4	6,084	507	18,100	1,509	24,073	2,007	27,150	2,263	33,485	2,791
5	6,804	567	21,180	1,765	28,170	2,348	31,770	2,648	39,183	3,266
6	7,488	624	24,260	2,022	32,266	2,689	36,390	3,033	44,881	3,741
7	8,124	677	27,340	2,279	36,363	3,031	41,010	3,418	50,579	4,215
8	8,736	728	30,420	2,535	40,459	3,372	45,630	3,803	56,277	4,690
Each Add.	600	50	3,080	257	4,097	342	4,620	385	5,698	475

Family Size	Pregnant Women A Children C Parents D Up to 200% of the Poverty Level		Children D Up to 250% of the Poverty Level		Children D Up to 300% of the Poverty Level		Children D Up to 350% of the Poverty Level	
	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly
1	\$17,720	\$1,477	\$22,150	\$1,846	\$26,580	\$2,215	\$31,010	\$2,585
2	23,880	1,990	29,850	2,488	35,820	2,985	41,790	3,483
3	30,040	2,504	37,550	3,130	45,060	3,755	52,570	4,381
4	36,200	3,017	45,250	3,771	54,300	4,525	63,350	5,280
5	42,360	3,530	52,950	4,413	63,540	5,295	74,130	6,178
6	48,520	4,044	60,650	5,055	72,780	6,065	84,910	7,076
7	54,680	4,557	68,350	5,696	82,020	6,835	95,690	7,975
8	60,840	5,070	76,050	6,338	91,260	7,605	106,470	8,873
Each Add.	6,160	514	7,700	642	9,240	770	10,780	899

Adults/Couples with no Dependent Children

NJ FamilyCare

Family Size	WFNJ/General Assistance		
	Annual	Monthly	Resources
1	\$1,680	\$140*	\$2,000
2	2,316	193	\$2,000
50% FPL			
1	\$4,430	\$370	
2	5,970	498	
100% FPL			
1	\$8,860	\$739	
2	11,940	995	

New Jersey Care

Family Size	Aged, Blind, & Disabled 100% of Poverty Level		
	Annual	Monthly	Resources
1	\$8,860	\$739	\$4,000
2	11,940	995	\$6,000

*\$210 / \$289 for unemployable

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