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MEDICAID COMMUNICATION NO. 91-23

DATE: October 4, 1991

TO: County Welfare Agency Directors

SUBJECT: Tracking of Medicaid Expansion

As you may be aware, there is a unique funding source for the most recent expansion of Medicaid eligibility for pregnant women and children under the age of one with family income less than 185 percent of the federal poverty guideline. The State share of the benefit expenditure comes from a special allocation from the Health Care Cost Reduction Trust Fund which is administered by the Department of Health and which supports a number of non-Medicaid initiatives. As a result, the State Office of Management and Budget is requiring that persons eligible as a result of this expansion be distinctively identified to assure that only appropriate charges are made against the fund. Because of the fiscal agent re-procurement, modifications to the Medicaid Status File cannot be made at this time, though we expect to be able to accommodate special program status codes for this new population by January 1992.

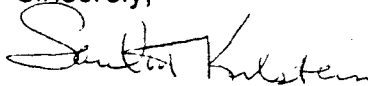
Until the system is able to accommodate the new program status codes, the county welfare agencies need to maintain monthly logs of all individuals determined eligible as a result of the expansion of income standards to 185 percent of the federal poverty level. The log (copy attached for county reproduction) must contain the name, HSP number, and a new program status code for each individual. Only those individuals with family income between 133 percent and 185 percent of poverty should be reported on the log. The new status codes for the expansion population are as follows: "492" for pregnant women with family income between 133 percent and 185 percent of the federal poverty level and "482" for children within the same income limits. A chart showing the program status codes for all the recent expansions appears below.

PSC	Age/Pregnancy	Income Criteria
<i>Existing</i>		
480	Child under age 2	Equal to or less than 100% of poverty
490	Pregnant woman	Equal to or less than 100% of poverty
481	Child under age 2	Between 100% and 133% of poverty
	Child age 2 to 6	Less than 133% of poverty
491	Pregnant woman	Between 100% and 133% of poverty
<i>New</i>		
482	Child under age 1	Between 133% and 185% of poverty
492	Pregnant woman	Between 133% and 185% of poverty

Effective with the receipt of this letter, county welfare agencies shall begin completion of the log for all persons found eligible. The log must be submitted to this Division's Bureau of the Budget and Fiscal Operations no later than the 10th of the month following the report month.

I appreciate your cooperation with this effort which will assure, consistent with the statutory provisions, that only services for this population get charged to the proper appropriation. Please refer any questions to the field service staff assigned to your county.

Sincerely,



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Director

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Attachment

cc: Marion E. Reitz, Director
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Nicholas R. Scalera, Director
Division of Youth and Family Services

REPORT LOG - PREGNANT WOMEN & CHILDREN UNDER AGE 1
INCOME BETWEEN 133% & 185% OF POVERTY

County _____

Report Month _____

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