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DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND HEALTH SERVICES

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DATE: January 31, 1997

TO: County Welfare Agency Directors
New Jersey Care...Special Medicaid
Programs Supervisors

SUBJECT: The 1997 Earned Income Credit Campaign

The 1997 Earned Income Credit (EIC) Campaign is now under way. As in previous years, the Department of Human Services is coordinating its activities with the Association for Children of New Jersey, Public Service Electric & Gas Company, and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The Division appreciates your past efforts with the campaign and seeks your cooperation again in disseminating information to families and individuals who may qualify for the EIC benefit for Tax Year 1996.

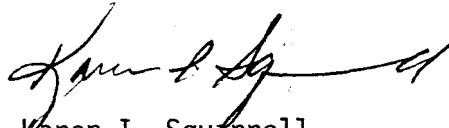
The Earned Income Credit can provide up to \$2,152 in cash or a tax credit to married or single workers who have earned up to \$25,078 during 1996, and who have had one child reside with them for at least 6 months of the year; families with two or more children who earned less than \$28,495 in 1996 may qualify for a credit of up to \$3,556. Foster parents may qualify if a child lived in the home for a full calendar year. In addition, a credit of up to \$323 is available to low-income workers without children, between the ages of 25 and 64, who earned less than \$9,500 in 1996.

The Division of Family Development will be providing EIC materials to your agency for use in the waiting rooms and offices. In addition, attached is a limited supply of the bilingual flyer explaining the EIC benefit which we are requesting be made available to individuals utilizing your hospital outstation sites. The flyer provides basic information about the benefit and the IRS toll-free number to contact for further information. Once your initial supply of flyers is exhausted, we ask that you duplicate them as needed for further distribution.

In order to obtain the Earned Income Credit, an IRS tax form 1040 or 1040A must be filed along with a Schedule EIC. Individuals who are not raising children need only to file a tax return. Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) centers will be operating throughout the state to provide free assistance in completing the necessary tax forms. More information about the VITA sites is available by contacting the IRS toll-free number.

If you have any questions about this communication or the EIC benefit program, please contact Sandra Stangil, Office of Beneficiary and Provider Services, at (609) 588-2936.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen I. Squarrell", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Karen I. Squarrell
Acting Director

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Attachment

c: Karen Highsmith, Director
Division of Family Development

Patricia Balasco-Barr, Director
Division of Youth and Family Services

WORKERS Put Some Extra MONEY in Your Pocket!!



For information about how you can get the Earned Income Credit and free help filing your taxes, call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040.

Avoid refund delays! Be sure to provide the correct name and Social Security number for each person listed on your tax return.

Keep all of your income tax refund this year!

Be Smart, Save Money! Workers with modest incomes can get free help preparing their tax returns. To find the free tax preparation site near you, call **1-800-829-1040**.

Remember! Getting a quick turnaround on a tax refund is the most expensive way to have your taxes filed. Paying for a quick refund takes money away from your Earned Income Credit or any other tax refund you get.

Claim Your Earned Income Credit

A Tax Benefit for People Who Work!

The Earned Income Credit is a special tax benefit for people who work full- or part-time. If you qualify, you'll owe less in taxes, and you may get cash back. Even if you don't owe income tax you can get the credit. But, you must file a federal tax return.

Who can get the Earned Income Credit?

- Single or married workers who were raising children in their homes, and who earned less than \$28,495 in 1996 (or less than \$25,078 if they were raising only one child). File form 1040 or 1040A, attach Schedule EIC.
- Single or married workers at least age 25 and under age 65, who were not raising children in their homes, and who earned less than \$9,500 in 1996. File any tax form.



THE 1997
EARNED
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!!Trabajadores!! Pongan DINERO EXTRA en sus bolsillos



Para recibir información sobre cómo recibir el Crédito de Ingreso de Trabajo y asistencia gratuita para declarar sus impuestos, llame al IRS al 1-800-829-1040.

¡Evite la demora de su devolución! Esté seguro de darnos correctamente, el nombre y número Seguro Social de cada persona que se encuentra registrado en su formulario de impuestos.

¡Quédese con toda la devolución de impuestos este año!
¡Sea Inteligente, Ahorre Dinero! Los trabajadores que ganen salarios modestos pueden recibir ayuda gratuita para llenar los formularios de declaración de impuestos. Para enterarse de la localización de la oficina más cercana a usted, llame al 1-800-829-1040.

¡Recuerde! Conseguir una devolución rápida del dinero de impuestos es la manera más cara de presentar la declaración de impuestos. Recibir la devolución rápidamente le resta dinero de su Crédito EIC o de cualquier otra devolución de impuestos a la que tenga derecho.

Reclame Su Crédito por Ingreso de Trabajo (o Crédito EIC) ¡Un Beneficio Fiscal para Gente Que Trabaja!

El crédito por Ingreso de Trabajo es un beneficio fiscal especial para gente que trabaja a tiempo completo o a tiempo parcial. Si usted califica, reducirán sus impuestos, y podría recibir dinero de vuelta. Incluso si usted no debe impuestos, puede obtener el Crédito EIC. Pero tiene que presentar una declaración de impuestos.

¿Quién puede recibir el Crédito por Ingreso de Trabajo?

- Los trabajadores solteros o casados que criaron a niños en su hogar, y que ganaron menos de \$28,495 en 1996 (o menos de \$25,078 si criaron a sólo un niño). Presente el Formulario 1040 o el 1040A e incluya el formulario llamado "Schedule EIC".
- Trabajadores solteros o casados que tenían entre 25 y 64 años de edad, que no criaron a niños en su hogar y que ganaron menos de \$9,500 en 1996. Presente cualquier formulario de impuestos.



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