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TO: County Welfare Agency Directors in the counties of Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Essex, Mercer, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, Sussex and Union Counties.

SUBJECT: Garden State Health Plan (GSHP)

As you are aware, the MP Plan transitioned to the Garden State Health Plan (GSHP) in July 1987 and is now operating as a State certified HMO in ten counties -- Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Essex, Mercer, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, Sussex and Union. The County Welfare Agencies have been and continue to be an integral part of the success of the Plan. So that the County Welfare Agencies can continue to successfully help outreach the Medicaid population for enrollment in the Garden State Health Plan, I want to advise you of recent changes affecting GSHP enrollees.

The Garden State Health Plan will now maintain open enrollment to all Medicaid eligibles residing in the ten counties and **all new GSHP enrollees will now receive a 12-month guarantee of Medicaid eligibility.** This 12-month guarantee is effective upon the eligible's date of enrollment and applies to all new GSHP members enrolled after December 1, 1988. Additional information will be forwarded in the future.

If you have any questions, please contact the Garden State Health Plan at 609-588-2721.

Sincerely yours,


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