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MEDICAID COMMUNICATION 87-10

TO: County Welfare Directors

DATE: March 30, 1987

SUBJECT: AIDS Community Care Alternatives Program (ACCAP)

The New Jersey Medicaid Program is implementing an AIDS Community Care Alternatives Program (ACCAP), a three-year renewable Federal waiver program which offers home and community-based services to persons with Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) or with AIDS-Related Complex (ARC). This program, the first of its kind in the nation, is effective March 1, 1987.

The waiver was prepared by the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services in response to the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 (P.L. 97-35) and the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986 (P.L. 99-509) which encourages the development of community-based services. The purpose of the program is to help eligible individuals to remain in or return to the community, rather than be cared for in a long-term care facility or hospital.

Scope:

The program is designed to serve a maximum of 350 individuals at any one time in the first year, 600 in the second year, and 1,000 in the third year. Because of the anticipated turnover in eligible individuals, the program has the capacity to serve 578 unduplicated individuals in the first year, 990 unduplicated individuals in the second year, and 1650 unduplicated individuals in the third year.

The program is statewide with slots allocated to each county based upon the estimated number of AIDS/ARC individuals to be served. A slot allocation listing for the first year is attached.

Administration:

The Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services administers the overall program. Additionally, it has the responsibility for assessing the individual's need for care and for determining which individuals will be served by the program.

Eligibility:

Individuals eligible for ACCAP must be:

- ° Diagnosed as having AIDS or ARC.
- ° In need of institutional care and meet, at a minimum, the nursing home level of care criteria established by the New Jersey Medicaid Program.
- ° Categorically needy - Individuals who are Medicaid eligible in the community except for those served under the Medically Needy Program; or
- ° Optionally categorically needy - Individuals who have incomes which exceed the community standard up to the institutional cap and have resources which fall within the institutional standard. There is no deeming of spousal or parental income or resources in the determination of eligibility for the program.

Optionally categorically needy individuals under the age of 65 must be determined disabled by the Social Security Administration (SSA) or by the Bureau of Medical Affairs, Division of Public Welfare, using SSA disability criteria.

Cost-Sharing:

Optionally categorically needy individuals are required to share in the cost of the service package when the individual's income exceeds maintenance needs as defined by program regulation. This includes medical and remedial care expenses not subject to payment by a third party payor. There will be no deeming of spousal or parental income in the determination of the individual's cost-share liability. Cost-sharing monies are to be centrally collected by the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services.

Services:

Except for nursing home services, all services currently provided under the New Jersey Medicaid Program are available under ACCAP in accord with an individualized plan of care. Additionally, the following services will be provided to the eligible individual:

- ° Case Management - This is a process in which a public health nurse or social worker (MSW) in a community agency is responsible for planning, locating, coordinating and monitoring a group of services designed to meet the individual needs of the person being served. A listing of the case management sites is attached.

- Private-duty Nursing (PDN) - This is care provided by licensed practical or registered professional nurses. PDN is continuous rather than part-time or intermittent care. Nurses may be employed by licensed home health agencies, voluntary non-profit homemaker/home health aide agencies, private employment agencies and temporary-help service agencies, approved by Medicaid to provide PDN services. PDN services may be provided up to 16 hours per day per person, but only when there is a live-in primary adult caregiver who accepts 24-hour per day responsibility for the health and welfare of the individual.
- Certain Narcotic and Drug Abuse Treatments at Home - The program allows drug treatment centers, approved as Medicaid providers, to provide methadone treatment, individual psychotherapy and family therapy at home.
- Personal Care Assistant (PCA) Services - These are health-related tasks performed in the individual's home by a certified individual who is under the supervision of a registered professional nurse. These services must be prescribed by a physician and must be provided in accord with a written plan of care. Personal care assistant services under ACCAP may exceed the regular program limitation of 25 hours per person per week. Only Medicaid approved PCA providers may provide personal care assistant services under ACCAP.
- Medical Day Care - This allows for health, social and supportive services on an outpatient basis, several days a week in an approved medical day care center.

Cost Limitation:

Total program costs in this waiver are limited by the number of community care slots used each year and by costs per person. The cost of each individual's service package may be no more than the cost of institutional care for that individual, determined at a projected weighted cost of hospital care or net average cost of nursing home care.

Application:

Individuals may apply for ACCAP at the County Welfare Agency/Board of Social Services located in the county where the individual resides.

The exception is the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipient who should make application to the Institutional Services Section of the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services by calling the following toll-free number: 800-523-0593.

An operational procedures manual will be issued by the Office of Home Care Programs, Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, to provide the County Welfare Agencies/Boards of Social Services directions relative to their responsibilities in this waiver program. The operational procedures manual will follow the same format used in other home and community-based waiver programs.

In the interim, contacts have been made to your Income Maintenance Supervisors regarding the process by which they can begin to take applications for the program. The Office of Home Care Programs will work closely with your staff in the ensuing months to facilitate the application and enrollment process.

Further Information:

Questions about the program should be directed to Carol H. Kurland, Administrator, Office of Home Care Programs at (609) 588-2620.

Sincerely yours,



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Medicaid District Office Directors

Case Management Sites

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Slot Allocation for Year One

<u>County</u>	<u>Slots</u>
Atlantic	5
Bergen	24
Burlington	5
Camden	8
Cape May	2
Cumberland	2
Essex	107
Gloucester	2
Hudson	72
Hunterdon	4
Mercer	8
Middlesex	16
Monmouth	9
Morris	8
Ocean	5
Passaic	33
Salem	2
Somerset	3
Sussex	2
Union	31
Warren	2
TOTAL	350

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CASE MANAGEMENT SITES
(For Adults 21 Years of Age and Over)

ATLANTIC	Atlantic County Department of Health & Institutions 201 South Shore Road Northfield, NJ 08225 (609) 645-7700
BERGEN	Home and Community Health Care of Bergen County, Inc. 74 Passaic Street Ridgewood, NJ 07450 (201) 444-0040
BURLINGTON	Community Nursing Services P.O. Box 287 Mount Holly, NJ 08060 (609) 267-1950
CAMDEN	Visiting Nurse and Health Association of Camden County 608 Broadway Camden, NJ 08103 (609) 365-5617
CAPE MAY & CUMBERLAND	Community Nursing Service Department of Health City of Vineland 111 North 6th Street Vineland, NJ 08360 (609) 794-4261
ESSEX	Community Health Care of North Jersey 451 Lincoln Avenue Orange, NJ 07050 (201) 673-0158
GLOUCESTER & SALEM	Southern New Jersey Visiting Nurse Service System, Inc. P.O. Box 508 Woodbury, NJ 08096 (609) 845-0460
HUDSON	Christ Hospital Home Health Services 176 Palisade Avenue Jersey City, NJ 07306 (201) 795-8444
HUNTERDON	Hunterdon Medical Center - Home Health Services Route 31 Flemington, NJ 08822 (201) 788-6138

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MERCER Visiting Nurse Association of Trenton, Inc.
P.O. Box 7393
West Trenton, NJ 08628
(609) 695-3491

MIDDLESEX Visiting Nurse Association of Middlesex County, Inc.
1915 Old Georges Road
North Brunswick, NJ 08902
(201) 821-9500

MONMOUTH MCOSS Nursing Services, Inc.
141 Bodman Place
Red Bank, NJ 07701
(201) 747-1204

MORRIS Visiting Nurse Association of Morris County, Inc.
38 Elm Street
Morristown, NJ 07960
(201) 539-1216

OCEAN Ocean County Health Department
CN 2191
Toms River, NJ 08754
(201) 341-9700

PASSAIC Visiting Health Service of Passaic Valley
783 Riverview Drive
Box 70
Totowa, NJ 07511
(201) 256-4636

SOMERSET Somerset Valley Visiting Nurse Association, Inc.
586 E. Main Street
Bridgewater, NJ 08807
(201) 725-9355

SUSSEX Sussex County Health Department
Division of Public Health Nursing
Box 139, R.D. 3
Newton, NJ 07860
(201) 948-5400

UNION Visiting Nurse and Health Service
354 Union Avenue
Elizabeth, NJ 07208
(201) 352-5694

Visiting Nurse Association of Plainfield & North Plainfield
427 W. 7th Street
Plainfield, NJ 07060
(201) 756-2436

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WARREN Public Health Nursing Agency
 Warren County Health Department
 151 West Washington Avenue
 Washington, NJ 07882
 (201) 689-6000

Special Child Health Services - Case Management Units under contract to the New Jersey State Department of Health, located in each county, will provide case management services to children up to the age of 21. Further information about these programs is available by calling the State Department of Health at (609) 984-0775.