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TO: County Welfare Agency Directors
Statewide Eligibility Determination Agency

SUBJECT: NJ FamilyCare changes, effective March 1, 2003
Children Less than 21 Years of Age Coded with Adult
Medicaid Person Numbers

As you are aware, effective March 1, 2003, there was a change in benefits for NJ FamilyCare parents who were identified by Program Status Code 380. These parents were being transitioned from a Plan A benefit package to a Plan D or Plan I package, dependent upon their managed care enrollment. Children under the age of 21 identified with a PSC 380 were to retain Plan A services.

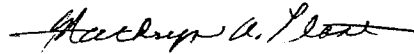
In order to systemically effect this change, person numbers were used to identify these parents. Individuals with adult person numbers between 01-19 were identified as being parents and were converted to different services on March 1, 2003. However, it has come to our attention that there were children under the age of 21 who were also converted to Plan D or Plan I services in error, because they also had been assigned Medicaid ID numbers with a adult person number between 01-19. Any children identified with a PSC of 380 with an adult Medicaid Person Number 01-19 are entitled to a Plan A benefit package until and including the month they reach the age of 21.

Daily Medicaid cards issued through FAMIS and the monthly Medicaid cards issued through the Medicaid Eligibility System for April 1, 2003 have reflected this correction.

Additionally, a revised instruction manual for the Manual Medicaid Card Template has been distributed to the county boards of social services to help assure that these recipients receive the correct benefit package printed on their manual Medicaid cards.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact DMAHS field staff assigned to your county at (609) 588-2556, or the DMAHS/OIS Help Desk at (609) 588-2971 with any questions or problems regarding the issuance of Medicaid cards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathryn A. Plant", written over a horizontal line.

Kathryn A. Plant
Director

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