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MEDICAID COMMUNICATION 87-19

DATE: July 27, 1987

TO: County Welfare Directors
County Welfare Fiscal Officers

SUBJECT: Eligibility Determination for JerseyCare Applicants

Implementation of the Medicaid expansion on July 1, 1987, known as JerseyCare will increase the number of Medicaid applications taken by the County Welfare Agencies (CWA). Clients eligible under JerseyCare are another optional eligibility category in the Medicaid program. Therefore, these applicants are considered Medicaid Only cases. As a result, the salary and other direct costs associated with the processing of JerseyCare applications should be assigned to the Medical Assistance Programs (MAP) employee work unit on the CWA Administrative Account expenditure reports.

In addition, since a significant portion of current and potential Medically Needy clients are expected to be eligible for JerseyCare, a reduction in Medically Needy participation is anticipated. Therefore, consideration may be given to the use of Medically Needy program (MNP) income maintenance staff for the processing of Jersey Care applications. However, these staff must be reflected accurately on the County's cost reports. This approach would shift the assignment of MNP staff to the MAP unit on the Cost Allocation Plan.

The CWA budget instructions for 1988 will reflect the inclusion of JerseyCare applications in the description of MAP unit activities.

If you have any questions or require additional information please contact David Lowenthal, Supervising Accountant at (609) 588-2820.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Thomas M. Russo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent "T" and "M".

Thomas M. Russo, Director
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