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DATE: February 14, 2001

TO: County Welfare Agency Directors
NJ FamilyCare Liaisons

SUBJECT: The NJ Health Access Program and the Implementation of NJ FamilyCare

As you may recall, the NJ Health Access Program provides subsidized health insurance to individuals and families without health coverage. While the program is no longer accepting new applicants, many individuals continue to receive subsidized health insurance coverage. With the implementation of the NJ FamilyCare program, however, there are NJ Health Access participants who may now qualify for coverage through NJ FamilyCare.

As a result, the statewide eligibility determination agency has informed certain Health Access participants of their potential NJ FamilyCare eligibility. It has recently come to our attention that single individuals or couples currently NJ Health Access eligibles have been referred to your agencies for a determination of their NJ FamilyCare eligibility. In an effort to streamline the eligibility determination process, we are asking your cooperation in outreaching these individuals.

Enclosed for your reference is a list of single individuals and couples without children who were identified as residing in your counties with incomes less than 50% of the Federal Poverty Level and who appear to be potentially eligible for the NJ FamilyCare adult 50% FPL segment. Eligibility for this group is currently determined by your agencies.

As we mentioned to your staff at the Medicaid Only Supervisors Meeting on January 16, 2001, in order to transition these individuals as soon as possible, we are asking that case dispositions be provided to the Division by February 28, 2001. In outreaching these individuals, we ask that you send them a NJ FamilyCare application and make a good faith attempt to follow-up as necessary. In addition, if the eligibility determination can be verified based upon the review of information contained in any current agency record, e.g., food stamps, please use this information as part of your eligibility determination process. If any of these individuals are found to be eligible for NJ FamilyCare, you should proceed with the necessary systems updates to designate the individuals in the appropriate program status code for conversion into the NJ FamilyCare program. These individuals should also be formally advised of their NJ FamilyCare eligibility determination through your usual notification process.

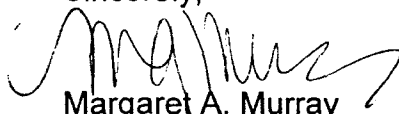
During your review process, you may find that the individual is ineligible for the NJ FamilyCare 50% FPL segment, in which case, you should note this disposition on the report listing as well as advise the individual of NJ FamilyCare ineligibility. For those individuals you were unable to contact for an eligibility determination, also please indicate this disposition for that individual on the report listing provided for your county. Single individuals and childless couples that you determine with incomes over 50% but equal to or less than 100% of the federal poverty level need to be referred back to the vendor. This disposition should also be noted on the report.

To facilitate the case disposition process for those individuals you have determined to be eligible for the 50% FPL segment of NJ Family Care, we are asking that you immediately advise Cheryl Akins, Maximus NJ Health Access county contact, at (609) 584-2843, of the individual's NJ FamilyCare eligibility.

Finally, when you have completed your outreach and case dispositions, please note the final case disposition for the individuals appearing on your county list and forward the final case dispositions to the attention of the DMAHS field staff assigned to your county.

We recognize your ongoing contributions in this effort and thank you for your anticipated cooperation. If you have any questions regarding this communication, you may contact the field service staff assigned to your county at the Bureau of Eligibility Policy, (609) 588-2556.

Sincerely,



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