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DATE: March 8, 1988

TO: County Welfare Agency Directors

SUBJECT: Exclusion of Certain Support and Maintenance Payments

The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987 made permanent a provision of the Social Security Act relating to income exclusions applicable in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program. Because SSI methodologies are applied in the determination of Medicaid eligibility for aged, blind, and disabled individuals, the policy contained herein is applicable until the Medicaid Only Manual is amended to reflect this change. This policy is to be equally applied to all aged, blind, and disabled applicants/recipients for Medicaid Only, Medically Needy, and JerseyCare.

The following shall be excluded in the determination of income eligibility:

1. Support and maintenance provided in kind by a private non-profit organization and which is based on need. This exclusion does not apply to any such assistance which is paid in cash nor when the organization has an expressed obligation to provide the support and maintenance. For the purposes of this exclusion, support and maintenance means assistance for the purpose of meeting the food, clothing, or shelter needs of an individual. Private nonprofit organization means a religious, charitable, educational, or other organization which is classified as nonprofit under section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code or by the New Jersey Department of State.
2. Home energy assistance provided in cash or in kind by a supplier of home heating oil or gas or other home energy supplier regulated by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities.

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Questions concerning this policy should be directed to the Field Service Supervisor II assigned to your county.

Sincerely,



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