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MEDICAID COMMUNICATION NO. 13-07

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TO: County Welfare Agency Directors
Institutional Service Section (ISS) Offices
Medical Assistance Customer Centers (MACC)

SUBJECT: Changes in SSI Medicaid Eligibility Segments

BACKGROUND: There have been SSI money payment cases that have gone into non-money payment status with continued Medicaid coverage. These cases should have been closed for Medicaid coverage and the beneficiary would have had to go to the County Welfare Agency to apply for another Medicaid program. However, due to a system issue, these beneficiaries continued to be eligible for Medicaid without oversight from the Social Security Administration or the County Welfare Agency. These cases were referred to as "flip" or "ghost" cases. The eligibility segment would show SSI/Medicaid as Program Status Codes; 110, 210, 510 and eligibility was terminated. A new segment line opened as Medicaid Only with Program Status Codes; 120, 220, 520 with a SSI Source Code, however the CWA would not have an actual case for the beneficiary.


Effective July 22, 2013, when the SSI money payment ceases and the SSI Medicaid eligibility closes, the case will continue to have Medicaid eligibility under the Medicaid Only program for **two additional months** from the SSI termination date. The beneficiary will be sent an auto-generated letter informing them of this adverse action (See letter attached to this Medicaid Communication).

When the beneficiary comes to the CWA to apply for another Medicaid program it is important for the CWA to utilize ex-parte information to process the case. Therefore the caseworker shall use any and all databases that can provide relevant eligibility information. Databases such as but not limited to Social Security Online Query (SOLQ), Bureau of Vital Statistics (BVS), the SSI screens in Molina, and DHS Online Verification of Eligibility (DOVE).

Note: If a beneficiary lost their SSI/Medicaid eligibility for any reason other than disability, a disability determination is deferred to the next annual redetermination of eligibility. Also, if a beneficiary lost their SSI/Medicaid eligibility due to the receipt of a child's benefit, refer to Medicaid Communication 13-03

If you have any questions regarding this Medicaid Communication, please refer them to the Division's Office of Eligibility Policy field service staff for your agency at 609-588-2556.

Sincerely,



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IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT MEDICAID

Your eligibility for Medicaid benefits is based on your eligibility for Supplemental Security Income (SSI). **We have been notified by the Social Security Administration (SSA) that your eligibility for Medicaid under SSI will be terminated. As a result, Medicaid benefits will stop two months from the date of this notice.** If Medicaid has been paying your Medicare Part B premium, as of that two month date, **Medicaid will also no longer pay the Medicare Part B premium unless you are determined eligible for one of the programs mentioned below.** If you wish to question or appeal the termination of your SSI Medicaid benefits, you must contact the Social Security District Office as soon as possible.

Although your SSI-related Medicaid benefits are being terminated, you may be eligible for other Medicaid programs through your County Welfare Agency. The County programs include:

- Medicaid coverage for Long Term Care services;
- New Jersey Care... Special Medicaid Programs (including Medically Needy); and,
- Certain other medical programs which provide home health services.

These programs have income limits and resource standards different from those used for SSI eligibility

To find out if you are eligible for the programs mentioned above, contact your County Welfare Agency as soon as possible to make sure your medical coverage continues. The address and telephone number can be found on the back of this letter. If you need help paying your Medicare Part B premium, and you are not eligible for any County Welfare Agency programs, please call 1-800-792-9745.

If you expect to purchase or receive health insurance through an employer within the next two months, you may need to provide your health insurer with a Certificate of Creditable Coverage, which will provide proof of continuous medical coverage. To request this Certificate of Creditable Coverage, call 1-800-701-0710.

NOTE: PLEASE BRING THIS LETTER WITH YOU IF YOU DECIDE TO CONTACT YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE, COUNTY WELFARE AGENCY OR YOUR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE CUSTOMER CENTER.

Si necesita la carta traducida en español, por favor llame al 1-800-356-1561. Pregunte por un representante que hable español.

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