



State of New Jersey

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND HEALTH SERVICES

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MEDICAID COMMUNICATION NO. 94-4

DATE: February 18, 1994

**TO: County Welfare Agency Directors
New Jersey Care...Special Medicaid
Program Supervisors**

SUBJECT: The 1994 Earned Income Credit Campaign

The 1994 Earned Income Credit (EIC) Campaign is now under way through the efforts of the Association for Children of New Jersey with support from The Prudential Foundation and Public Service Electric & Gas Company.

The Earned Income Credit can provide **up to \$2,364** in cash or a tax credit to married or single parents who have earned **up to \$23,050** during 1993, and who have had a child reside with them for at least 6 months of the year. Last year, more than 340,000 New Jersey families received credits worth more than \$300 million.

In an effort to reach a greater number of families this year, and in conjunction with the efforts of the Department of Health, the Department of Human Services, and the Division of Family Development, the DMAHS is asking your cooperation in disseminating information to families who may qualify for this benefit.

The Division of Family Development will be providing a limited supply of outreach materials to your agency for use in the waiting rooms and offices. In addition, enclosed is a limited supply of the bi-lingual flyer explaining the EIC benefit which should also be made available to individuals utilizing your hospital outstation sites. The flyer provides basic information about the benefit and a toll-free number to contact for further information. Once your initial supply of flyers is exhausted, we ask that you duplicate them as needed for further distribution.

In order to obtain the Earned Income Credit, an IRS tax form 1040 or 1040A must be filed along with a Schedule EIC. VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) centers will be operating throughout the state to provide free assistance to individuals in completing the necessary tax forms. A listing of those sites was provided as an enclosure to Procedural Bulletin No. 94-2.

If you have any questions about this Communication or the EIC benefit program, please contact Kathryn Plant of the Office of Eligibility Policy and Operations at (609)588-2556.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan G. Wheeler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Alan G. Wheeler
Acting Director

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Attachments

c: Marion E. Reitz, Director
Division of Family Development

Nicholas Scalera, Director
Division of Youth and Family Services