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TO: County Welfare Agency Directors
Institutional Services Section Area Supervisors
Statewide Determination Agencies

SUBJECT: Eligibility Redeterminations

In an effort to support sustained enrollment of children in our health care coverage programs and to minimize the effort required from families to accomplish that goal, the redetermination period for AFDC-related programs is being changed from every 6 months to every 12 months. In addition, a mail-in application option shall be afforded to all applicants/beneficiaries.

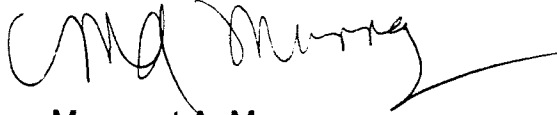
Effective immediately, children in active AFDC-related cases, including NJ KidCare, shall be redetermined in accordance with the new policy. Families covered under the AFDC Medicaid program are also subject to the policy change, and the subject will be addressed through a Medicaid Instruction.

For cases which are currently being reviewed and which have not been finalized, you may either suspend the action for 6 months or complete the redetermination process and build a new review date of 12 months in the future. We are requesting that no case be terminated before evaluating for continued eligibility using data available from other sources, such as the Food Stamp or WorkFirst New Jersey programs. All cases determined ineligible for AFDC-Medicaid shall be screened for eligibility under all other program options. Referrals among the various units within your agencies shall be coordinated to ensure that continuous coverage of benefits is available to the beneficiary, as applicable.

In addition, the income verification requirement has been reduced from three months to one month and the asset test for all AFDC-Medicaid cases has been eliminated.

Your cooperation and contributions in maximizing medical coverage options for eligible families is very much appreciated. If you have any questions regarding this communication, please contact the Bureau of Eligibility Policy at (609) 588-2556.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MAM Murray', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Margaret A. Murray
Director

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