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MEDICAID COMMUNICATION NO. 87-4

TO: County Welfare Agency Directors DATE: February 25, 1987

FROM: Cost of Living Increase - 1.3% - January 1987

Enclosed for your review is the January 1987 Social Security Income Increase List covering patients in long-term care facilities in your county. For the January cost of living increase, an automatic 1.3% was computed for those Medicaid patients who had a PA-3L in the long-term care billing system prior to January 1987.

Since facilities are required to report all income changes, including those involving annual cost of living increases, Long-Term Care Services Bulletin 87-1 was sent instructing them to carefully review current benefit amounts in their billing reports against the actual amount received for January 1987. The facilities were further instructed to report any corrections to the County Welfare Agency so that a new PA-3L can be prepared, if necessary. Where errors greater than $1.00 are identified by the long-term care facility, a corrected PA-3L must be submitted.

Those Medicaid patients who have income which may be affected by cost of living adjustments, but are not subject to the Social Security automatic increase, i.e., Railroad Retirement, are also identified and should be reviewed.

This information is to be communicated to appropriate staff. Your cooperation in this matter is necessary for the accurate and efficient operation of the long-term care billing system. Questions regarding this communication can be directed to the Bureau of Claims and Accounts at (609) 588-2885.

Sincerely yours,

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