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TO: County Welfare Agency Directors

SUBJECT: Community Care Program for the Elderly and Disabled (CCPED) and Home and Community-based Services for Blind or Disabled Children and Adults (Model Waiver): Cost-Share Liability

Commissioner George J. Albanese has advised me that effective April 1, 1985, the Department of Human Services will utilize State monies to waive up to \$75 a month of the client cost-share liability required under both CCPED and the Model Waiver program.

As you may know, Governor Kean had asked the Federal government to allow an additional \$150 a month for the maintenance of a CCPED client's home in the determination of the cost-share liability. This \$150 was to be deducted from an eligible person's income prior to determining the amount to be paid for services under the waivers. This request was recently denied by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Health Care Financing Administration.

In recognition of this unfair requirement placed upon the elderly and disabled served under the waivers, it has been decided that the State will assume that part of the \$150 (i.e. \$75) to which it would have obligated itself had the Federal government approved our request.

Procedurally, there will be no change in the method by which the cost-share liability is determined. Cost-share will be waived up to an additional \$75 per month per client by the Office of Home Care Programs (OHCP), which currently handles all billing of the client cost-share for both CCPED and Model Waiver. Centralization of this function will enable this Division to maximize the federal dollars for this program and enable us to collect essential data on the cost-share liability.

Clients who have a cost share liability of \$75 or less a month will not be billed by the OHCP. Those clients who have a cost-share liability of more than \$75 a month will be billed for the amount in excess of \$75. Other cost-share exceptions will continue to be applicable.

Income maintenance staff and case managers will follow existing procedures regarding the determination of the the cost-share worksheet. Clients can be advised that up to \$75 of their cost-share will be waived by the the OHCP. Regional representatives from the OHCP will meet with staff involved in CCPED and Model Waiver to discuss the implementation of this new policy.

I am most pleased that our Department is able to respond favorably to your concerns about serving your clients under these home care programs. If possible, please take the necessary steps to outreach those individuals who in the past decided not to participate because of the cost-share limitation in CCPED.

If you have questions regarding this change in CCPED and the Model Waiver, contact can be made to the appropriate regional representative in the Office of Home Care Programs at 609-292-1940.

Sincerely yours,



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