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TO: County Welfare Agency Directors/Board of Social Services
Directors

SUBJECT: Community Care Program for the Elderly and Disabled/Home Care
Expansion Program

PURPOSE: To inform the County Welfare Agency/Board of Social Services
Directors of current policies concerning the relationship between
the Community Care Program for the Elderly and Disabled (CCPED) and the Home
Care Expansion Program (HCEP). Also addressed in this Communication is cost
reporting information for the provision of transportation services under HCEP.

BACKGROUND: CCPED, the Medicaid waiver which began in October 1983, and is
funded by Federal Title XIX and State Casino dollars, has the
current capability of serving 2300 individuals statewide at any one time.
Program slots are allocated to counties in accordance with their need and
service availability. A concerted effort has been made to continually
redistribute these slots for maximum use. Despite this fact, many counties
now have waiting lists for CCPED.

HCEP, a State casino-funded program, became effective statewide on May 1, 1989
and has the capability of serving 600 individuals statewide at any one time.
While the intent of HCEP is to provide the same service package as in CCPED to
individuals whose income and/or resources are higher than allowed for Medicaid
programs, the legislation specifies that eligible CCPED individuals also may
be served by HCEP. In the initial implementation of HCEP, CCPED slots were
reallocated from one county to another to accommodate eligible CCPED in-
dividuals who had applied for HCEP in order to maximize the use of Federal
funds.

CCPED is currently at its authorized capacity and waiting lists exist
throughout the State. This has necessitated the enrollment of eligible CCPED

individuals in HCEP in many counties. These eligible CCPED individuals enrolled in HCEP will not be routinely transferred to CCPED when slots become available. The CCPED waiting list will be utilized to enroll new applicants. To do otherwise, would be counter productive and would cause administrative difficulties.

However, if CCPED is significantly expanded through the acquisition of additional slots, this procedure will be reviewed to maximize our Federal Title XIX match and make HCEP slots available primarily to those who are not eligible for CCPED.

Individuals requesting HCEP applications by telephone will be screened for income and resources. If they appear to be CCPED eligible and there are slots available in the county of their residence, they will be referred to their County Welfare Agency/Board of Social Services. However, if no CCPED slots are available, they will be sent an application for HCEP. Once enrolled in HCEP, they will remain in HCEP unless there is a need for more service, which may be available because of the higher service cost limits allowed under CCPED. Only then, and if a CCPED slot becomes available, will the HCEP client be transferred to CCPED. However, as a rule, as CCPED openings occur, new applicants for that program will be accepted rather than transferring HCEP enrollees. CCPED program slots allocated to the counties will be evaluated in six months and will be adjusted at that time if indicated.

ACTION:

Waiting Lists:

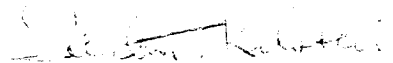
Counties may continue to take CCPED applications. However, based upon an agreement between the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services and the Federal Health Care Financing Administration, the availability of a slot is a factor in eligibility for Medicaid waiver programs. An applicant for a waiver program cannot be eligible without a slot being available. Therefore, when an applicant is determined financially eligible for a waiver program, but no slot is available in CCPED, the county welfare agency may place the application in a pending status until a slot becomes available. This means that the pending application will be held in the county welfare agency. This status can change upon notification by the Medicaid District Office of the availability of a CCPED slot, at which time the case is transferred to the Medicaid District Office for a medical assessment.

Transportation Services:

Non-emergency medical transportation purchased by the County Welfare Agency/Board of Social Services is a service provided under both CCPED and HCEP. As in CCPED, the services must be approved by the case manager,

included in the service plan, and not exceed \$25.00 per one way trip. However, costs incurred for HCEP must be reported separately from CCPED. The form currently used to report medical transportation costs, PA-41, is being revised to include HCEP and will be reissued by the Division of Economic Assistance, Bureau of Business Services.

Sincerely,



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Case Management Sites