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MEDICAID COMMUNICATION: 90-5

DATE: January 18, 1990

TO: County Welfare Agency/Board of Social Services Directors

SUBJECT: New Jersey Care Cases Becoming Ineligible as a Result of Social Security Benefit Increase

This is to advise that Acting Commissioner William Waldman has approved a special continuation of eligibility for New Jersey Care aged, blind, and disabled individuals who would otherwise lose eligibility for Medicaid as a result of the January 1, 1990 cost-of-living adjustment to Title II benefits. The continuation of eligibility for these cases will alleviate the past problems of cases becoming temporarily ineligible for the period between the Social Security cost-of-living increase and the issuance of the new federal poverty guidelines.

The CWAs are directed to continue New Jersey Care eligibility for any aged, blind, or disabled New Jersey Care recipient who would otherwise lose eligibility solely as a result of the January 1 increase in Social Security benefits. This special continuation of eligibility shall terminate when the Division provides the CWAs with the new income standards based on the federal poverty guidelines for this year. Those figures are expected to be available in late February or March.

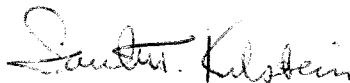
Any such case that would become ineligible for reasons other than the Social Security cost-of-living adjustment, shall be terminated in accordance with existing practice.

CWAs must maintain a log of all cases that are continued as a result of this communication. This log must be reviewed upon the promulgation of the new income standards and on-going income eligibility determined for each case.

A second log shall be compiled for all cases which were continued under these special provisions and which are not eligible under the new poverty guidelines. This log must contain case name and number. Upon completion of the eligibility review, a copy of the log shall be sent to the Office of Eligibility Policy and Operations to the attention of Diane Henneberg, so that the Division can take action to remove, from the federal claim, any services during the special eligibility continuation period on behalf of those cases.

Questions regarding this communication should be referred to the field staff assigned to your county.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Saul M. Kilstein".

Saul M. Kilstein
Director

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cc: Marion E. Reitz, Director
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