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**MEDICAID COMMUNICATION NO:** 03-02

**DATE:** January 15, 2003

**TO:** County Welfare Agency Directors  
Institutional Services Section Area Supervisors

**SUBJECT:** New Jersey Care Cases Becoming Ineligible as a Result of the 2003  
Social Security Benefit Increase

This is to advise of a special continuation of eligibility for aged, blind, and disabled individuals currently eligible for New Jersey Care ... Special Medicaid Programs who would otherwise lose eligibility for Medicaid as a result of the January 1, 2003 cost-of-living adjustment to Title II benefits. The continuation of eligibility for these cases will alleviate the 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.

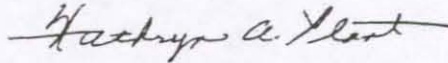
The CWAs are directed to continue New Jersey Care eligibility for any aged, blind, or disabled New Jersey Care recipient who would otherwise lose eligibility solely as a result of the January 1, 2003 increase in Social Security benefits. This special continuation of eligibility shall terminate when the Division provides the CWAs with the new income standards based on the federal poverty guidelines for 2003. Those figures are expected to be available in late February or early 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.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kathryn A. Plant".

Kathryn A. Plant  
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