



## State of New Jersey

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**MEDICAID COMMUNICATION NO. 08-13**

December 31, 2008

**TO:** County Welfare Agency Directors

**SUBJECT:** Continued Medicaid Eligibility for Certain SSI Ineligibles

Under federal law, any individual who became ineligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) as a result of the January 1, 2009, 5.8% cost-of-living increase in Social Security benefits is entitled to continue to receive Medicaid benefits. To ensure continuity of Medicaid benefits, potentially eligible individuals Health Benefits Identification Cards will continue to be valid through January 31, 2009. Effective February 1, 2009, CWAs will have ongoing responsibility for those individuals. The Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) will send each individual a letter explaining this, on or about January 18, 2009.

A printout has been prepared from the Social Security Administration's (SSA) file which lists those individuals residing in your county. Using the printout, the CWA shall prepare, by February 15, 2009, Form FD-346, **Certification In Lieu of Application for Medical Assistance Only** (copy attached for CWA reproduction) for appropriate cases.

Form FD-346 will provide authorization for "Medicaid Only" benefits until redetermination, at which time an application (Form PA-1G, Application and Affidavit for Medical Assistance Only and Emergency Assistance for SSI Recipients) must be completed. Since the SDX does not reflect a federal redetermination date, CWA's must schedule a redetermination of eligibility for "Medicaid Only" purposes within twelve months.

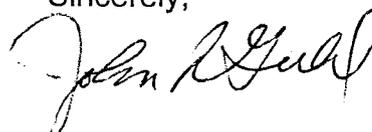
Continuing eligibility for Medicaid benefits must be redetermined in accordance with all existing program requirements. Individuals eligible under this special provision shall be afforded an additional disregard from income of the actual dollar amount of the 5.8% Social Security benefit cost-of-living increase January 1, 2009. Any subsequent Title II cost-of-living increase will also be disregarded for those individuals.

Additionally, this disregard shall be applied to income, attributable from all financially responsible relatives (i.e., spouse and parents). This disregard applies only to that special class of individuals and shall not be applied to other Medicaid applicants/recipients.

For those individuals determined ineligible for Medicaid benefits for reasons other than the Social Security cost-of-living increase, the CWA must determine whether those individuals are eligible for other programs, e.g., New Jersey Care ...Special Medicaid Programs, or terminate the case on the Medicaid Eligibility File. As in the past, "Medicaid Only" eligibility (nonpayment cases) terminated due to the Social Security increase is not affected by this provision.

Please bring this information to the attention of the appropriate staff. Questions may be directed to your Medicaid field staff or Douglas Eide, Beneficiary Systems, Office of Information Systems, at 609-588-2897.

Sincerely,



John R. Guhl  
Director

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Attachments

c: Jennifer Velez, Commissioner  
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\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY WELFARE AGENCY/BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES

**CERTIFICATION IN LIEU OF APPLICATION FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ONLY**

This certification form provides for administrative action in lieu of application for the Medicaid Only program. It shall be used only for persons who became ineligible for SSI as a result of the January 2009 5.8% cost-of-living increase in Social Security benefits.

Case Name \_\_\_\_\_ Case Number \_\_\_\_\_  
                   (Last)           (First)           (Initial)

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Registration Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Municipality of residence \_\_\_\_\_

**It is hereby certified that the above named individual has been evaluated as eligible for the Medicaid Only program, effective February 1, 2009.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Certifying Person

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Title of Certifying Person

FD-346 rev. 12/08



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**IMPORTANT MEDICAID NOTICE  
KEEP THIS IMPORTANT LETTER**

DECEMBER 2008

You may have recently received a letter from the Social Security Administration advising you that you are no longer eligible to receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments because your income exceeds the eligibility standard. This appears to have been caused by the 5.8 per cent increase in your Social Security check which became effective January 2009.

However, federal law states that you must be permitted to keep your Medicaid eligibility if the Social Security cost-of-living increase is the only reason this supplemental payment was terminated. Therefore, your Medicaid coverage will still continue.

Your Health Benefits Identification card is still valid. Please continue to use it to access medical services.

If you have any questions about covered Medicaid services, please call or visit the Medical Assistance Customer Center serving your county. For your convenience, a directory of the Medical Assistance Customer Centers is shown on the back of this letter.

Si necesita la carta traducida en español por favor llame al 1-800-356-1561.  
Pregunte por un representante que hable español.

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MEDICAL ASSISTANCE CUSTOMER CENTERS		COUNTY WELFARE AGENCIES	
Atlantic Cape May Cumberland	Phone 609-561-7569 Fax 609-567-0572	Cumberland County Welfare Agency 13 North East Boulevard Vineland NJ 08360-3714	856-691-4600
Burlington Camden Gloucester Mercer Salem	Phone 856-614-2870 Fax 856-614-2575	Essex County Department of Citizen Services Division of Welfare 18 Rector Street – Ninth Floor Newark NJ 07102-4512	973-733-3000
Essex	Phone 973-648-3700 Fax 973-642-6468	Gloucester County Board of Social Services 400 Hollydell Drive Sewell NJ 08080-9318	856-582-9200
Hudson	Phone 201-217-7100 Fax 201-217-7122	Hudson County Division of Welfare John F. Kennedy Office Building 100 Newkirk Street Jersey City NJ 07306-3133	201-420-3000
Middlesex Union	Phone 732-777-6977 Fax 732-777-5067	Hunterdon County Board of Social Services Community Services Center 6 Gauntt Place Flemington NJ 08822-4614	908-788-1300
Monmouth Ocean	Phone 732-761-3600 Fax 732-761-3621 Fax 732-761-3623	Mercer County Board of Social Services 200 Woolverton Street, P. O. Box 01450 Trenton NJ 08650	609-989-4320
Morris Hunterdon Somerset Sussex Warren	Phone 973-631-6440 Fax 973-631-6448	Middlesex County Board of Social Services P. O. Box 509 181 Howe Lane New Brunswick NJ 08903	732-745-3500
Bergen Passaic	Phone 973-977-4077 Fax 973-684-8182	Monmouth County Division of Social Services P. O. Box 3000 – Kozloski Road Freehold NJ 07728	732-431-6000
		Morris County Board of Social Services Mt. Pleasant Complex, Building C 1719 Route 10 Parsippany NJ 07054	973-326-7800
		Ocean County Board of Social Services P. O. Box 547 – 1027 Hooper Avenue Toms River NJ 08754-0574	732-349-1500
		Passaic County Board of Social Services 80 Hamilton Street Paterson NJ 07505-2057	973-881-0100
COUNTY WELFARE AGENCIES			
Atlantic County Department of Social Services Division of Welfare Giles Building 1676 East Landis Avenue Vineland NJ 08361-2943	609-348-3001	Salem County Board of Social Services P. O. Box 111 147 South Virginia Avenue Penns Grove NJ 08069	856-299-7200
Bergen County Board of Social Services 216 Route 17 North 17 Park Office Center, Building A Rochelle Park NJ 07662	201-368-4200	Somerset County Board of Social Services P. O. Box 936 73 East High Street Somerville NJ 08876	908-526-8800
Burlington County Board of Social Services Burlington County Human Services Facility 795 Woodlane Road Mount Holly NJ 08060-3316	609-261-1000	Sussex County Division of Welfare P. O. Box 218 18 Church Street Newton NJ 07860-0218	973-383-3600
Camden County Board of Social Services Althea R. Wright Administration Building 600 Market Street Camden NJ 08101-2798	856-225-8800	Union County Division of Social Services And Special Community Projects 342 Westminster Avenue Elizabeth NJ 07208-3205	908-965-2700
Cape May County Board of Social Services 4005 Route 9 South Rio Grande NJ 08242-1911	609-886-6200	Warren County Division of Temporary Assistance and Social Services 501 Second Street Belvidere NJ 07823-1520	908-475-6301