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**TO: County Welfare Agency (CWA) Directors
 NJ FamilyCare Liaisons
 Medicaid Only Liaisons
 Statewide Eligibility Determination Agency
 Institutional Services Section (ISS) Area Supervisors**

SUBJECT: Increased Income Eligibility Standards

The Federal Poverty Level (FPL) guidelines for 2011 were announced on January 20, 2011 by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and made available online via the electronic version of the Federal Register. Attached are the new income standards for the New Jersey Care...Special Medicaid Programs and NJ FamilyCare. These new standards are retroactively effective January 1, 2011 for both programs.

The County Welfare Agency (CWA) and the Institutional Services Section (ISS) offices shall immediately review all cases that would otherwise have been terminated from the aged, blind, or disabled segment of the New Jersey Care...Special Medicaid Programs as a result of any income increases. No action is required for those cases that remain eligible under the new income standards. Any of the continued cases that are not eligible under the new standards shall be terminated no later the April 30, 2011. Adverse action requirements must be met.

Because these standards are retroactively effective to January 1, 2011, the CWA and statewide eligibility determination agency shall also review all applicable NJ FamilyCare cases determined ineligible after January 1, 2011 using the former standards. These cases should be re-evaluated for eligibility under the new standards. It is important that any Plan A case found to be eligible shall be accreted to the eligibility file with an effective date of January 1, 2011, or the date of application, whichever is later.

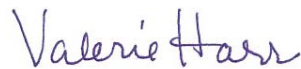
Additionally, if your eligibility agency is aware of any current NJ FamilyCare Plan B cases that may now qualify for Plan A coverage as a result of the increase in the FPL, your staff is asked to re-evaluate eligibility for Plan A coverage, retroactive to

January 1, 2011. Please be sure to advise the beneficiary of the change in coverage and change in Medicaid Eligibility Identification Number, when applicable.

Also, because there is no change to the Federal Benefit Rate (FBR) or Federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) rate for 2011, the monthly income standard for the Medicaid Only institutional program remains \$2,022. Please also be aware that the new 2011 Medicare Part B Supplemental Medical Insurance monthly based premium has increased to \$115.40 for those not subject to late enrollment penalty fees.

If you have any questions regarding this Medicaid Communication, please refer them to the Division's Office of Eligibility Policy field service staff assigned to your agency at 609-588-2556.

Sincerely,



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2011 Income Standards for New Jersey Care and NJ FamilyCare

Family Size	AFDC Medicaid (July 16,1996) Plan A		Children/ Pregnant Women A Up to 100% of the Poverty Level		Children/ Pregnant Women A Parents I/D Up to 133% of the Poverty Level		Children B Recipient Parents D Up to 150% of the Poverty Level		Pregnant Women and Children Under the Age of 1 Up to 185% of the Poverty Level	
	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly
1	\$2,220	\$185	\$10,890	\$908	\$14,484	\$1,207	\$16,335	\$1,362	\$20,147	\$1,679
2	4,428	369	14,710	1,226	19,565	1,631	22,065	1,839	27,214	2,268
3	5,316	443	18,530	1,545	24,645	2,054	27,795	2,317	34,281	2,857
4	6,084	507	22,350	1,863	29,726	2,478	33,525	2,794	41,348	3,446
5	6,804	567	26,170	2,181	34,807	2,901	39,255	3,272	48,415	4,035
6	7,488	624	29,990	2,500	39,887	3,324	44,985	3,749	55,482	4,624
7	8,124	677	33,810	2,818	44,968	3,748	50,715	4,227	62,549	5,213
8	8,736	728	37,630	3,136	50,048	4,171	56,445	4,704	69,616	5,802
Each Add.	624	50	3820	319	5081	424	5730	478	7067	589

Family Size	Pregnant Women A Children C Recipient Parents D Up to 200% of the Poverty Level		Children D Up to 250% of the Poverty Level		Children D Up to 300% of the Poverty Level		Children D Up to 350% of the Poverty Level	
	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly
1	\$21,780	\$1,815	\$27,225	\$2,269	\$32,670	\$2,723	\$38,115	\$3,177
2	29,420	2,452	36,775	3,065	44,130	3,678	51,485	4,291
3	37,060	3,089	46,325	3,861	55,590	4,633	64,855	5,405
4	44,700	3,725	55,875	4,657	67,050	5,588	78,225	6,519
5	52,340	4,362	65,425	5,453	78,510	6,543	91,595	7,633
6	59,980	4,999	74,975	6,248	89,970	7,498	104,965	8,748
7	67,620	5,635	84,525	7,044	101,430	8,453	118,335	9,862
8	75,260	6,272	94,075	7,840	112,890	9,408	131,705	10,976
Each Add.	7640	637	9550	796	11460	955	13370	1115

Adults/Couples without Dependent Children

NJ FamilyCare

Family Size	WFNJ/General Assistance Plan G		
	Annual	Monthly	Resources
1	\$1,680	\$140*	\$2,000
2	2,316	193*	2,000
100% FPL Plan H			
1	\$10,890	\$908	
2	14,710	1,226	

*210/\$289 for unemployable

New Jersey Care

Family Size	Aged, Blind, & Disabled 100% of Poverty Level Plan A		
	Annual	Monthly	Resources
1	\$10,890	\$908	\$4,000
2	14,710	1,226	6,000
NJ WorkAbility (250% FPL) Plan A			
1	\$27,225	\$2,269	\$20,000
2	36,775	3,065	30,000
Breast & Cervical (250% FPL) Plan A			
1	\$27,225	\$2,269	
2	36,775	3,065	