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MEDICAID COMMUNICATION NO. 12-04

DATE: January 12, 2012

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) solely as a result of the January 1, 2012, 3.6% cost-of-living increase in Social Security benefits is entitled to continue to receive Medicaid benefits. To ensure continuity of Medicaid benefits, potentially eligible individual's Health Benefits Identification (HBID) Cards as well as the managed care identification cards will continue to be valid through January 31, 2012. Effective February 1, 2012, County Welfare Agencies (CWAs) will have ongoing responsibility for those individuals. The Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) has sent each individual a letter explaining this and the transition to CWA case supervision (copy attached for reference).

A systemic printout has been prepared from the Social Security Administration's (SSA) file which lists those individuals residing in each county and has been made available to each CWA. Using the printout, the CWA shall prepare, by January 20, 2012, Form FD-346, Certification In Lieu of Application for Medical Assistance Only (copy attached for CWA reproduction) for Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) appropriate cases. The initial Medicaid Only eligible segment with applicable county of supervision as well as re-determination dates must be entered into the Medicaid Eligibility System (MES) based upon the completion of the FD-346. It is essential that data input include the re-determination dates and the worker/supervisor codes.

It is critical that eligibility be entered in MES by the January 20, 2012, managed care cut-off date to ensure continuity of services through the managed care in which the individuals are currently enrolled. Should there be cases entered after January 20th, but prior to January 31st, the managed care enrollment will require coordination with the DMAHS Office of Managed Care Accounts. The CWA will need to send the COLA eligible individuals' names, dates of births and case numbers (do not place social security numbers in email communications) to

ManagedCare.Accounts@dhs.state.nj.us to ensure managed care continuity for this group.

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

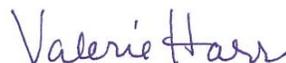
Continuing eligibility for Medicaid benefits must be re-determined in accordance with all existing program requirements in conjunction with the added COLA disregard provisions. Individuals eligible under this special provision shall be afforded an additional disregard from income of the actual dollar amount of the January 1, 2012, 3.6% Social Security Title II benefit cost-of-living increase. 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 former SSI individuals and shall not be applied to other Medicaid applicants/recipients.

Before terminating these individuals, the CWA must determine whether those individuals are eligible for other programs, such as, New Jersey Care...Special Medicaid Programs. If terminated, the individuals must receive proper and timely notice as well as terminate the applicable cases on the Medicaid Eligibility File.

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

Sincerely,



Valerie Harr
Director

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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 2012 3.6% cost-of-living increase in Social Security benefits.

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

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, 2012.

Signature of Certifying Person

Date

Title of Certifying Person
FD-346 rev. 12/11



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**IMPORTANT MEDICAID NOTICE
KEEP THIS IMPORTANT LETTER**

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 SSI eligibility standard. This appears to have been caused by the 3.6 percent cost-of-living increase in your Social Security check which is effective January 2012.

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 continue.

Your Medicaid eligibility determination will no longer be under the supervision of the Social Security Administration but will transition to the County Welfare Agency (CWA) in your county of residence. The CWA **will notify you** when you need to renew your Medicaid eligibility. For your convenience, a listing of the County Welfare Agencies is shown on the back of this letter.

Your Health Benefits Identification card and/or managed care (HMO) identification is still valid. Please continue to use it to access medical services.

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

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE CUSTOMER CENTERS			COUNTY WELFARE AGENCIES	
Atlantic Cape May Cumberland	Phone Fax	609-561-7569 609-567-0572	Cumberland County Board of Social Services 275 North Delsea Drive Vineland NJ 08360-3607	856-691-4600
Burlington Camden Gloucester Mercer Salem	Phone Fax	856-614-2870 856-614-2575	Essex County Department of Citizen Services Division of Welfare 18 Rector Street – Ninth Floor Newark NJ 07102-4512	973-733-3000
			Gloucester County Board of Social Services 400 Hollydell Drive Sewell NJ 08080-9318	856-582-9200
Essex	Phone Fax	973-648-3700 973-642-6468	Hudson County Department of Family Services Division of Welfare 257 Cornelison Avenue Jersey City NJ 07302	201-420-3000
Hudson	Phone Fax	201-217-7100 201-217-7122	Hunterdon County Board of Social Services Community Services Center 6 Gauntt Place Flemington NJ 08822-4614	908-788-1300
			Mercer County Board of Social Services 200 Woolverton Street, P. O. Box 01450 Trenton NJ 08650-2099	609-989-4320
Hunterdon Middlesex Monmouth Ocean Somerset Union	Phone Fax Fax	732-761-3600 732-761-3621 732-761-3623	Middlesex County Board of Social Services P. O. Box 509, 181 Howe Lane New Brunswick NJ 08903	732-745-3500
			Monmouth County Division of Social Svcs. P. O. Box 3000 – Kozloski Road Freehold NJ 07728	732-431-6000
Bergen Morris Passaic Sussex Warren	Phone Fax	973-977-4077 973-684-8182	Morris County Office of Temporary Assistance 340 W. Hanover (Morris Twp.), P.O. Box 900 Morristown, NJ 07963-0900	973-326-7800
			Ocean County Board of Social Services P. O. Box 547 – 1027 Hooper Avenue Toms River NJ 08754-0574	732-349-1500
COUNTY WELFARE AGENCIES			Passaic County Board of Social Services 80 Hamilton Street Paterson NJ 07505-2057	973-881-0100
Atlantic County Department of Family & Community Development 1333 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City NJ 08401-8297		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 08876-0936	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 Social Services 83 Spring Street, Ste 203 PO Box 218 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 342 Westminster Avenue Elizabeth NJ 07208-3290	908-965-2700
Cape May County Board of Social Services 4005 Route 9 South Rio Grande NJ 08242-1911		609-886-6200 (LDBAK2 rev.08/11)	Warren County Division of Temporary Assistance and Social Services 501 Second Street, Belvidere NJ 07823-1520	908-475-6301