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MEDICAID COMMUNICATION NO. 15-01

DATE: January 13, 2015

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, 2015 1.7% cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) in Social Security benefits is entitled to continue to receive Medicaid benefits. Effective February 1, 2015, County Welfare Agencies (CWAs) will have ongoing responsibility for those individuals. The Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) sent each individual a letter explaining this information and the transition to CWA case supervision (copy attached for reference).

The initial Medicaid Only eligibility segment with applicable county of supervision, re-determination dates and Managed Care have been updated by DMAHS in the Medicaid Eligibility System (MES) to ensure continuity of benefits. DMAHS shall prepare Form FD-346, Certification In Lieu of Application for Medical Assistance Only (copy attached), for each individual and will send it to the appropriate CWA for case filing. The Social Security Administration's report, divided by county, has been mailed to each CWA for tracking purposes.

Continuing eligibility for Medicaid benefits must be re-determined in accordance with all existing program requirements in conjunction with the added COLA disregard provisions. This provision disregards the actual dollar amount of the January 1, 2015 1.7% Social Security Title II benefit COLA. Moving forward, any subsequent Title II COLAs will also be disregarded for those individuals. The outreach to those affected by this provision will continue for an additional two years according to the Pickle Amendment/Lynch vs. Rank court rulings.

This disregard shall also be applied to any social security income deemed to an individual from a spouse or a parent. This disregard applies only to that special class of former SSI individuals and shall not be applied to other Medicaid applicants/recipients.

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,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Valerie Harr".

Valerie Harr
Director

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cc: 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 2015 1.7% 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, 2015.

CERTIFIED BY:

Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services

January 19, 2015
Date

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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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 1.7 percent cost-of-living increase in your Social Security check which is effective January 2015.

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.

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MEDICAL ASSISTANCE CUSTOMER CENTERS			COUNTY WELFARE AGENCIES	
Atlantic Cape May Cumberland	Augusta Building 852 South White Horse Pike Hammonton, NJ 08037-2018	Phone 609-561-7569 Fax 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	One Port Center 2 Riverside Drive, Suite 401 Camden, NJ 08103-1070	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	973-733-3000
Essex Hudson	153 Halsey Street 4 th Floor Newark, NJ 07101-2807	Phone 973-648-3700 Fax 973-642-6468	Gloucester County Division of Social Services 400 Hollydell Drive Sewell, NJ 08080-9318	856-582-9200
Hunterdon Middlesex Monmouth Ocean Somerset Union	100 Daniels Way 1 st Floor Freehold, NJ 07728-2668	Phone 732-863-4400 Fax 732-863-4450	Hudson County Department of Family Services Division of Welfare 257 Cornelison Avenue Jersey City, NJ 07302	201-420-3000
Bergen Morris Passaic Sussex Warren	100 Hamilton Plaza 5 th Floor Paterson, NJ 07505-2109	Phone 973-977-4077 Fax 973-684-8182	Hunterdon County Department of Human Services Division of Social Services 6 Gauntt Place, P.O. Box 2900 Flemington, NJ 08822-2900	908-788-1300
			Mercer County Board of Social Services 200 Woolverton Street, P. O. Box 1450 Trenton, NJ 08650-2099	609-989-4320
			Middlesex County Board of Social Services 181 Howe Lane, P. O. Box 509 New Brunswick, NJ 08903	732-745-3500
			Monmouth County Division of Social Services 3000 Kozloski Road, P.O. Box 3000 Freehold, NJ 07728	732-431-6000
			Morris County Office of Temporary Assistance 340 W. Hanover, P. O. Box 900 Morristown, NJ 07963-0900	973-326-7800
			Ocean County Board of Social Services 1027 Hooper Avenue, P. O. Box 547 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 147 South Virginia Avenue Penns Grove, NJ 08069-1797	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 73 East High Street, P. O. Box 936 Somerville, NJ 08876-0936	908-526-8800
Burlington County Board of Social Services 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, P.O. 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 08102-1255		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 Social Service Building 4005 Route 9 South Rio Grande, NJ 08242-1911		609-886-6200	Warren County Division of Temporary Assistance and Social Services 1 Shotwell Drive Belvidere, NJ 07823	908-475-6301