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TO: County Welfare Agency Directors

SUBJECT: Reorganization of Medicaid District Offices (MDOs)

For many years, the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS), the New Jersey Medicaid Agency, has administered a number of program activities from seventeen (17) Medicaid District Offices (MDOs) located throughout the State.

Over the past three and one-half years, staffing in our MDOs and Institutional Services Section (ISS) offices has declined from 497 to 315, a 37% reduction. This is primarily the result of layoffs, resignations and retirements, and a lengthy hiring freeze. The severe and imbalanced attrition-driven staff reductions have created staffing difficulties which have made it increasingly difficult to provide the desired level of services through the existing network of Medicaid District Offices.

In order to sustain the current array of MDO activities, it became imperative that existing resources be consolidated into a more manageable organization. On July 1, 1992, the two MDOs in Essex County were consolidated into the Newark MDO, and on July 20, 1992, the Paterson and Mercerville ISS offices were consolidated with Marlboro and Hammonton respectively. Additionally, the MDOs located in Cumberland, Gloucester, Union, Hunterdon and Mercer Counties will be closed, and Medicaid staff will be relocated to MDOs in nearby counties. Certain MDOs will continue to perform the full spectrum of MDO activities while other MDOs will perform either PreAdmission Screening assessments and other long-term care activities or adjudicate prior authorization requests. The target date for completing this consolidation plan is October 5, 1992.

The attached list identifies the counties served by each MDO in a regional concept as required by the Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 1993 (S-1000, A-1500). The list also identifies the specialized services and activities to be performed by the remaining eleven MDOs. Each office will continue to handle Medicaid recipient problems, questions and eligibility issues, in addition to serving as a resource for the provider community.

If you have any questions about this realignment, please contact the MDO Director serving your county or Jerome F. Murphy, Assistant Director, Medical Care Administration, at 609-588-2611.

Sincerely,

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MEDICAID DISTRICT OFFICE (MDO) RESPONSIBILITIES AS OF OCTOBER 5, 1992

SOUTHERN REGION

<u>MDO</u>	<u>COUNTIES SERVED</u>	<u>SERVICES/ACTIVITIES</u>
Atlantic	Atlantic/Cumberland/Cape May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- all LTC services* for Atlantic, Cumberland and Cape May Counties- prior authorizations for certain services in Atlantic, Cumberland and Cape May Counties- SSI Medicaid ID Cards for Atlantic, Cumberland and Cape May Counties
Burlington	Burlington/Mercer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- all LTC services* for Burlington and Mercer Counties- prior authorizations for certain services in Burlington and Mercer Counties- SSI Medicaid ID Cards for Burlington and Mercer Counties
Camden	Camden/Gloucester/Salem	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- all LTC services* for Camden, Gloucester and Salem Counties- prior authorizations for certain services in Camden, Gloucester and Salem Counties- SSI Medicaid ID Cards for Camden, Gloucester and Salem Counties
Cumberland	Closed	

* LTC services include PreAdmission Screening (PAS), Case Management, Nursing Facility Clinical Auditing, Home Care Services Quality Assurance

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<u>MDO</u>	<u>COUNTIES SERVED</u>	<u>SERVICES/ACTIVITIES</u>
Gloucester	Closed	
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Mercer	Closed	
Ocean	Ocean/Monmouth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - prior authorizations for certain services in Ocean and Monmouth Counties - SSI Medicaid ID Cards for Ocean County
Monmouth	Monmouth/Ocean	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - all LTC services* for Monmouth and Ocean Counties - SSI Medicaid ID Cards for Monmouth County
Essex Suburban	Closed (Eff. 7/1/92)	
Essex Newark	Essex	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - all LTC services* for Essex County - prior authorizations for certain services in Essex County - SSI Medicaid ID Cards for Essex County

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Middlesex	Middlesex/Somerset/Union/ Hunterdon	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- all LTC services* for Middlesex, Hunterdon, Somerset and Union Counties- prior authorizations for certain services in Middlesex, Somerset, Union and Hunterdon Counties- SSI Medicaid ID Cards for Middlesex, Hunterdon, Somerset and Union Counties
Hunterdon	Closed	
Union	Closed	
<hr/> NORTHERN REGION <hr/>		
Hudson	Hudson/Bergen	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- all LTC services* for Hudson and Bergen Counties- SSI Medicaid ID Cards for Hudson County
Bergen	Bergen/Hudson	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- prior authorizations of certain services for Bergen and Hudson Counties- SSI Medicaid ID Cards for Bergen County

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Passaic	Passaic/Morris	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- prior authorization of certain services for Passaic, Morris, Sussex and Warren Counties- SSI Medicaid ID Cards for Passaic County
Morris	Morris/Passaic/Sussex/Warren	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- all LTC services* for Morris, Sussex, Warren and Passaic Counties- SSI Medicaid ID Cards for Morris, Sussex and Warren Counties

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