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DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND HEALTH SERVICES

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MEDICAID COMMUNICATION NO. 96-4 **DATE:** February 5, 1996

TO: County Welfare Agency Directors
New Jersey Care...Special Medicaid
Programs Supervisors

SUBJECT: The 1996 Earned Income Credit Campaign

The 1996 Earned Income Credit (EIC) Campaign is now under way. As in previous years, the Department of Human Services is coordinating its activities with the Association for Children of New Jersey and Public Service Electric & Gas Company.

Last year, New Jersey families received over $488,000,000 in EIC payments. This success is credited to the participation of numerous community agencies, including the county welfare agencies. The Division appreciates your past efforts with the campaign and seeks your cooperation again in disseminating information to families and individuals who may qualify for the EIC benefit for Tax Year 1995.

The Earned Income Credit can provide **up to** $3,110 in cash or a tax credit to married or single workers who have earned **up to** $26,673 during 1995, and who have had one child reside with them for at least 6 months of the year. Foster parents may qualify if a child lived in the home for a full calendar year. In addition, the EIC is also available to low-income workers without children, between the ages of 26 and 64, who earned less than $9,230 in 1995.

The Division of Family Development will be providing EIC materials to your agency for use in the waiting rooms and offices. In addition, attached is a limited supply of the bilingual flyer explaining the EIC benefit which should also be made available to individuals utilizing your hospital outstation sites. The flyer provides basic information about the benefit and the IRS toll-free number to contact for further information. Once your initial supply of flyers is exhausted, we ask that you duplicate them as needed for further distribution.

In order to obtain the Earned Income Credit, an IRS tax form 1040 or 1040A must be filed along with a Schedule EIC. Individuals who are not raising children need only to file a tax return. Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) centers will be operating throughout the state to provide free assistance in completing the necessary tax forms.

If you have any questions about this communication or the EIC benefit program, please contact Sandra Stangil, Office of Beneficiary and Provider Services, at (609) 588-2936.

Sincerely,

Velvet G. Miller
Director

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Attachment
c: Karen Highsmith, Acting Director
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If You Worked in 1995 The Earned Income Credit *STILL* Works for You!

CLAIM YOUR EARNED INCOME CREDIT

A Tax Benefit for People Who Work!

The Earned Income Credit (EIC) is a special tax benefit for people who work full-time or part-time. If you qualify, you'll owe less in taxes, or you may get cash back. Even if you don't owe income tax, you can get the credit. ***But to get the credit, you must file a federal tax return.***

Who Can Get the Earned Income Credit?

Working parents — whether married, single or divorced — are eligible for the EIC if their child(ren) lived with them for at least half the year. Foster parents are eligible if their foster child(ren) lived with them for the full calendar year. Low-income workers without children at home are also eligible.

For tax year 1995:

Families consisting of:	*who earned under:*	*can receive up to:*
Worker(s) raising one child	$24,396	$2,094
Worker(s) raising 2 or more children	$26,673	$3,110
Worker(s) ages 26-64 without children at home	$9,230	$314

Keep All of Your Income Tax Refund This Year!

Get Free Help Filing your Taxes. Workers with modest incomes can get free help in preparing their tax returns. ***Remember to get a Social Security Number for all your children and your spouse and use the name and number exactly as they appear on the card.***

*For information about how you can get the Earned Income Credit and free help filing your taxes, call the IRS at **1-800-829-1040**. Please be patient, the line is often busy.*

¡Si Trabajó en 1995 El Crédito por Ingreso de Trabajo *TODAVÍA* es para Ud!

RECLAME SU CREDITO POR INGRESO DE TRABAJO

¡Un Beneficio Fiscal para Gente que Trabaja!

El Crédito por Ingreso de Trabajo (el EIC) es un beneficio fiscal especial para gente que trabajo tiempo completo o tiempo parcial. Si Ud. califica, reducirá sus impuestos, y podría recibir dinero de vuelta. Incluso, si Ud. no debe impuestos, puede obtener el EIC. ***Pero tiene que presentar una declaración de impuestos.***

¿Quién puede recibir el Crédito por Ingreso de Trabajo?

Padres obreros — casados, solteros o divorciados — son eligibles para el EIC si su(s) niño(s) vivió en el hogar por lo menos una mitad del año o si tuvieron un recién nacido en 1995. Padres de crianza califican si el niño vivió con Ud. el año completo. Obreros de bajos ingresos sin hijos en casa también son eligibles.

En el año 1995:

Familias con:	*con ingresos menos de:*	*puede recibir hasta:*
Obrero(s) criando un hijo	$24,396	$2,094
Obrero(s) criando 2 o más hijos	$26,673	$3,110
Obrero(s) de 25 a 64 años de edad sin hijos en el hogar	$9,230	$314

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¡Quédese con toda la devolución de impuestos este año!

Obtenga ayuda gratuita para llenar todos sus formularias de impuestos. Obreros con bajos ingresos pueden obtener asistencia gratuita para llenar los formularios de impuestos. ***Recuerde de obtener un Número de Seguro Social para cada hijo y su conyuge. Use el nombre y número exactamente como aparece en la tarjeta.***

Para información sobre cómo puede recibir el EIC y asistencia gratuita para llenar los formularios de impuestos, llame al IRS ***1-800-829-1040****. Tenga paciencia; la linea frecuentemente está ocupada.*