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DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND HEALTH SERVICES

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TO: County Welfare Agency Directors

SUBJECT: Closing the Bergen Medicaid District Office (MDO)

With the advent of changes to the New Jersey Medicaid program, as a consequence of the development, introduction, and progress of a managed care health services program, as well as attrition-driven staff reductions, it is imperative that existing resources be consolidated into a more manageable organization. As a result, the Bergen MDO will be closed effective May 17, 1996. The prior authorization (PA) services will be reassigned to the Passaic MDO, which will provide PA services for Passaic, Bergen and Hudson Counties.

The impact on the provider community is expected to be minimal in that they will continue to be served by an MDO in a nearby county.

All Bergen County and Hudson County providers who routinely require prior authorization from an MDO have been advised to forward such requests to the Passaic MDO for adjudication on and after May 17, 1996.

This has no impact on those prior authorization requests routinely submitted to the Division's Central Office in Trenton.

The Hudson MDO will continue to specialize in PreAdmission Screening/Long-Term Care activities for Hudson and Bergen Counties.

Questions of a general nature about procedures, eligibility, etc., should be referred to the MDO serving the county in which the beneficiary is located. Bergen County providers/beneficiaries should be advised to contact the Passaic MDO.

Any questions regarding this Medicaid Communication are to be directed to the Medicaid District Office serving your area.

Sincerely,

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