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TO: County Welfare Agency Directors
ISS Area Supervisors

SUBJECT: Increased Income Eligibility Standards; New Jersey Care...Special Medicaid Programs and NJ KidCare

This is to advise that the federal poverty level guidelines for 1999 were published in the March 18, 1999 issue of the Federal Register. Attached are the corresponding new income standards for the New Jersey Care...Special Medicaid Programs and NJ KidCare. These new standards are retroactively effective to January 1, 1999 for both programs.

The county board of social services (CBOSS) shall immediately review all cases that would otherwise have been terminated from New Jersey Care as a result of the Social Security cost-of-living increase. No action is required for those cases that remain eligible under the new income standards. Any of the continued cases which are not eligible under the new standards shall be terminated effective May 1, 1999. Adverse action requirements must, of course, be met.

Because these standards are retroactively effective to January 1, 1999, the CBOSS shall review all New Jersey Care and NJ KidCare cases denied for excess income since that date to determine which would be eligible under the new standards. Any case found to be eligible shall be accreted to the eligibility file with an effective date of January 1, 1999 or the date of application, whichever is later.

NJ KidCare cases found to have income in excess of 133% of the 1999 federal poverty level shall be forwarded to the State designated eligibility determination agency for processing as NJ KidCare Plan B or Plan C, Please mail these cases to:

NJ KidCare
P.O. Box 4818
Trenton, N.J. 08650-4818

Questions regarding this communication should be referred to field staff assigned to your county.

Sincerely,

Margaret A. Murray
Director

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New Jersey Care/NJ KidCare
1999 Poverty-Related Income Standards

Budget Unit Size	Aged, Blind, and Disabled and Children Born after 9/30/83- 100% of Poverty	Children Born before 10/01/83 up to age 19 - 133% of Poverty (with no TPL)	Children Age 1 up to Age 6 - 133% of Poverty	Pregnant Women and Children up to Age 1 - 185% of Poverty
1	$687	$914	$914	$1,271
2	922	1,226	1,226	1,706
3	1,157	1,539	1,539	2,140
4	1,392	1,851	1,851	2,575
5	1,627	2,164	2,164	3,010
6	1,862	2,477	2,477	3,445
7	2,097	2,789	2,789	3,879
8	2,332	3,102	3,102	4,314
each addit.	235	313	313	435

NJ KidCare 1999 Monthly Gross Income Levels

Family Size	A Up to 133% of the Poverty Level	B Up to 150% of the Poverty Level	C Up to 200% of the Poverty Level
1	$914	$1,030	$1,374
2	1,226	1,383	1,844
3	1,539	1,735	2,314
4	1,851	2,088	2,784
5	2,164	2,440	3,254
6	2,477	2,793	3,724
7	2,789	3,145	4,194
8	3,102	3,498	4,664
each addit.	313	353	470

SLMB 1999

Family Size	Up to 120% of the Poverty Level		
	Monthly	Annual	Resources
1	$824	$9,888	$4,000
2	1,106	13,272	$6,000
* SLMB QI-1 Up to 135%			
1	$927	11,124	$4,000
2	1,245	14,931	$6,000

* SLMB QI-1 has funding for a limited number of beneficiaries.

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