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TO: County Welfare Directors
Institutional Services Section Supervisors
Statewide Eligibility Determination Agency

SUBJECT: 10:69 AFDC Medicaid
10:70 Medically Needy (AFDC-Related segments)
10:72 New Jersey Care...Special Medicaid Programs (AFDC-Related segments)
10:79 NJ KidCare Plan A

The purpose of this Communication is to clarify the sibling income deeming policy in determining eligibility of parents and children for the above-mentioned AFDC-related Medicaid programs.

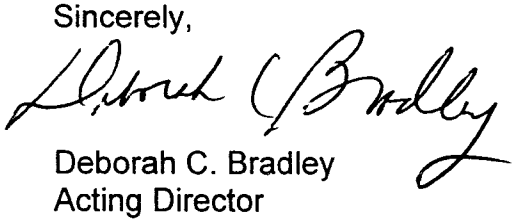
A provision found under N.J.A.C. 10:69, Subchapter 10.35 (c), states that "any family whose eligibility is denied or terminated as a result of deeming of a sibling's or stepparent's income shall have its AFDC-related Medicaid eligibility evaluated without regard to that individual's needs or income. "

When a family is found to be Medicaid ineligible because of the inclusion of a child's income, such as Social Security benefits, child support payments or other income, Medicaid for those other family members must be reevaluated without regard to the child(ren) whose income caused the ineligibility. Therefore, the child is excluded from the household unit when determining eligibility for those other members.

Also, as a result of applying this policy, any child(ren) who was excluded from the family will be reevaluated for NJ FamilyCare coverage, determining eligibility for that child based upon a household consisting of all family members and their incomes, including the child. You may have a situation where the child with income may have other than Plan A coverage.

Please address any questions regarding this Communication to field staff assigned to your counties.

Sincerely,



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