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DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND HEALTH SERVICES

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DATE: December 22, 1998

TO: County Welfare Agency Directors
Division of Developmental Disabilities
Division of Youth and Family Services
Medicaid District Office Directors

SUBJECT: Medicaid/NJ KidCare Eligibility Identification Cards

This is a follow-up to Medicaid Communication 98-14 which advised that the Division would be issuing newly formatted Medicaid Eligibility Identification Cards in June of 1998. Due to production difficulties, issuance of the new cards was delayed.

The Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services is pleased to announce that beginning in January 1999, cards for all programs except AFDC/TANF, will be printed in a standard format. The NJ KidCare cards will be distinguished by their cranberry color, while all other cards produced by the Division will remain blue.

The most notable difference in the new format of the cards is that the address of the beneficiary will be placed only on the outside of the card (which is folded into thirds). In addition, a service package identifier is included on the new card. The Division is in the process of developing a template which will assist with initial and replacement cards. The Social Security number of the beneficiary will no longer appear on the card.

Please continue to use your old stock until it is depleted, or return it to David Peterson DMAHS, General Services, PO Box Trenton, NJ 08625.

To order new stock, please contact Mr. Peterson at the above address.

If you have any questions concerning the new cards, you may call Doug Eide, Technical Services, at (609) 588-2897.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Margaret A. Murray", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Margaret A. Murray
Director

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