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**TO:** County Welfare Agency Directors  
Institutional Services Section (ISS) Area Supervisors  
Statewide Eligibility Determination Agency

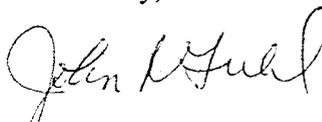
**SUBJECT:** Use of LOOPS, DABS, and State Wage System (Wage) Screens in  
Determining Eligibility

The purpose of this Medicaid Communication is to inform you that the use of LOOPS, DABS, and Wage screens to verify income when appropriate documentation is not provided is acceptable as long as it is consistent with the information written on the NJ FamilyCare or Medicaid application. This matter has been discussed several times at the NJ FamilyCare Liaisons and Medicaid Only Supervisors meetings.

This Division's Bureau of Quality Control is aware that the Wage system runs one quarter calendar behind "real time." If the County Welfare Agency uses LOOPS, DABS, and Wage screens to determine income eligibility, they must document this source by printing and adding the appropriate screens to the case record. Providing the case is correctly calculated and properly documented in a timely manner, the Bureau of Quality Control staff will find this acceptable.

Should you have any questions regarding this Communication, please contact the Division's Office of Policy field staff assigned to your county at 609-588-2556.

Sincerely,

  
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