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TO: County Welfare Agency Directors

State Eligibility Determining Agencies

SUBJECT: Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnant Woman under the New Jersey

Supplemental Prenatal Care Program (NJSPCP)

The Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) is pleased to announce that the State Fiscal Year 2016 Appropriations Act included additional funding to both hospitals and clinics for the reauthorization of the New Jersey Supplemental Prenatal Care Program (NJSPCP).

Therefore, the Presumptive Eligibility (PE) Unit will begin processing online NJ FamilyCare Presumptive Eligibility applications which are dated on or after July 1, 2015, for those pregnant women who appear to meet the eligibility requirements for the NJ FamilyCare Pregnant Woman program.

Please be reminded that NJSPCP is not an entitlement program. Therefore, once the funds allocated for State Fiscal Year 2016 are exhausted, the program will close, and no further services will be paid.

When NJSPCP funds have been exhausted, potential NJSPCP pregnant women should continue to be referred to the County Welfare Agencies (CWAs) for an evaluation for the Medical Emergency Payment Program for Aliens (MEPPFA) which establishes "labor and delivery" coverage for the last trimester of the pregnancy. Once the three month eligibility segment is determined, the CWA must enter the disposition in the NJ FamilyCare online Admin Tool and add the case with a Special Program Code (SPC) of "10" or "11" to the Medicaid Eligibility System (MES).

As always, we appreciate your continued assistance in assuring that all resident New Jersey pregnant women have the opportunity to access quality prenatal care, which ultimately improves their chances of delivering healthy newborns.

If you have any questions regarding this Medicaid Communication, please refer them to the Division's Presumptive Eligibility Unit at 609-588-2911, or the Division's Office of Eligibility County Operations Staff at 609-588-2556.

Sincerely,

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