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TO: County Welfare Agency Directors

SUBJECT: Expansion of New Jersey Care...Special Medicaid Programs

On July 1, 1991, Governor Florio signed the Health Care Cost Reduction Act. Among its provisions is one which extends Medicaid eligibility to additional pregnant women and infants under New Jersey Care. Specifically, the act authorizes implementation of the optional coverage for pregnant women and children under the age of one whose family income is equal to or less than 185 percent of the federal poverty guideline.

Attached are draft regulatory changes to the New Jersey Care...Special Medicaid Programs Manual in Office of Administrative Law format that are fully expected to be adopted as an emergency adoption and concurrent proposal. Should this material not be adopted, your agencies will be immediately notified. In the meantime, county welfare agencies shall begin using these new rules in eligibility processing for pregnant women and children under the age of one for July 1, 1991 and thereafter.

Aside from the increased income standard, there is no change in the eligibility determination process. As with the previous rules, an eligible pregnant woman remains eligible for Medicaid benefits regardless of changes in her income. Eligibility is determined without regard to resources.

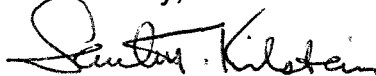
It is expected that ultimately unique Program Status Codes (PSC) will be assigned for the newly eligible population. However, because of limitations on systems changes, the new numbers cannot be currently assigned. In the interim, the newly eligible children shall be assigned PSC 481 and the pregnant women shall be assigned PSC 491.

County welfare agencies shall immediately begin accepting applications for this expansion. Counties are also urged to review recent application denials on the basis of excess income to determine if the individuals would be eligible under the new income limit.

You are advised that there is no retroactive eligibility available under the expanded eligibility provisions for any period prior to July 1, 1991.

Please refer any questions relating to this communication to field service staff assigned to your county.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Saul M. Kilstein". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Saul" and last name "Kilstein" clearly distinguishable.

Saul M. Kilstein
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Attachments

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New Jersey Care
Income Limits
Pregnant Women and Children under
the Age of 1

Household Size	Income Limit
1	1,020
2	1,369
3	1,717
4	2,065
5	2,414
6	2,762
7	3,110
8	3,458
9	3,806
10	4,154
each additional	+ 348