



## State of New Jersey

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND HEALTH SERVICES

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**MEDICAID COMMUNICATION NO.** 98-9

**DATE:** March 11, 1998

**TO:** County Welfare Agency Directors  
ISS Area Supervisors

**SUBJECT:** Increased Income Eligibility Standards; New Jersey  
Care...Special Medicaid Programs and NJ KidCare

This is to advise that the federal poverty level guidelines for 1998 were published in the February 24, 1998 issue of the Federal Register. Attached are the corresponding new income standards for the New Jersey Care program including the Medicaid expansion program (NJ KidCare). These new standards are retroactively effective to January 1, 1998 for New Jersey Care and to February 1, 1998 for NJ KidCare.

The county welfare agency (CWA) shall immediately review all cases that would otherwise have been terminated from New Jersey Care as a result of the Social Security cost-of-living increase. No action is required for those cases that remain eligible under the new income standards. Any of the continued cases which are not eligible under the new standards shall be terminated effective May 1, 1998. Adverse action requirements must, of course, be met.

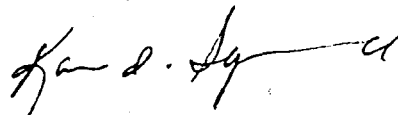
Because these standards are retroactively effective to January 1, 1998 for New Jersey Care, CWAs shall review all cases denied for excess income since that date to determine which would be eligible under the new standards. Any case found to be eligible shall be accreted to the eligibility file with an effective date of January 1, 1998 or the date of application, whichever is later.

For all NJ KidCare cases who are found eligible under the 1998 standards, eligibility shall be accreted to the eligibility file with an effective date of February 1, 1998 or the date of application, which is later. NJ KidCare cases found to have income in excess of 133% of the 1998 federal poverty level shall be forwarded to the State designated eligibility determination agency for processing as NJ KidCare Plan B or Plan C. Please mail these cases to:

NJ KidCare  
P.O. Box 4818  
Trenton, N.J. 08650-4818

Questions regarding this communication should be referred to field staff assigned to your county.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen I. Squarrell", followed by a horizontal line and a small flourish.

Karen I. Squarrell  
Acting Director

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Attachment

c: Len Fishman, Commissioner  
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Department of Health and Senior Services

Karen Highsmith, Director  
Division of Family Development

Michele Guhl, Deputy Commissioner  
Division of Youth and Family Services

New Jersey Care/NJ KidCare  
1998 Poverty-Related Income Standards

Budget Unit Size	Aged, Blind, and Disabled and Children Born after 9/30/83- 100% of Poverty	Children Born before 10/01/83 up to age 19 - 133% of Poverty (with no TPL)	Children Age 1 up to Age 6 - 133% of Poverty	Pregnant Women and Children up to Age 1 - 185% of Poverty
1	\$671	\$893	\$893	\$1,242
2	905	1,203	1,203	1,673
3	1,138	1,513	1,513	2,105
4	1,371	1,824	1,824	2,537
5	1,605	2,134	2,134	2,968
6	1,838	2,444	2,444	3,400
7	2,071	2,755	2,755	3,832
8	2,305	3,065	3,065	4,263
each addit.	234	311	311	432

NJ KidCare 1998 Monthly Gross Income Levels

Family Size	A Up to 133% of the Poverty Level	B Up to 150% of the Poverty Level	C Up to 200% of the Poverty Level
1	\$893	\$1,007	\$1,342
2	1,203	1,357	1,809
3	1,513	1,707	2,275
4	1,824	2,057	2,742
5	2,134	2,407	3,209
6	2,444	2,757	3,675
7	2,755	3,107	4,142
8	3,065	3,457	4,609
each addit.	311	350	467