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DATE: March 2, 2000

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 2000 were published in the February 15, 2000 issue of the Federal Register. Attached are the corresponding new income standards for the New Jersey Care...Special Medicaid Programs and NJ KidCare. These new standards are retroactively effective to January 1, 2000 for both programs.

The county board of social services (CBOSS) 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, 2000. Adverse action requirements must, of course, be met.

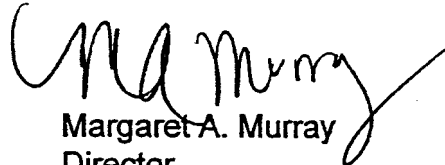
Because these standards are retroactively effective to January 1, 2000, the CBOSS shall review all New Jersey Care and NJ KidCare cases denied for excess income since that date to determine which would be eligible under the new standards. Any case found to be eligible shall be accreted to the eligibility file with an effective date of January 1, 2000 or the date of application, whichever is later.

NJ KidCare cases found to have income in excess of 133% of the 2000 federal poverty level shall be forwarded to the State designated eligibility determination agency for processing as NJ KidCare Plan B, Plan C or Plan D. Please mail these cases to:

NJ KidCare
P.O. Box 4818
Trenton, New Jersey 08650-4818

Questions regarding this communication should be referred the Bureau of Eligibility Policy by calling (609) 588-2556.

Sincerely,



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Director

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c: Christine Grant, Commissioner
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2000 Gross Income Standards for Families with Children (Including NJ KidCare)

Family Size	AFDC (July 16, 1996)		A Up to 133% of the Poverty Level		B Up to 150% of the Poverty Level		Pregnant Women and Children Under the Age of 1 Up to 185% of the Poverty Level		C Up to 200% of the Poverty Level \$15/month premiums		D Up to 250% of the Poverty Level \$30/month premiums		D Up to 300% of the Poverty Level \$60/month premiums		D Up to 350% of the Poverty Level \$100/month premiums	
	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly
1	\$2,220	\$185	\$11,106	\$926	\$12,525	\$1,044	\$15,448	\$1,288	\$16,700	\$1,392	\$20,875	\$1,740	\$25,050	\$2,088	\$29,225	\$2,436
2	4,428	369	14,963	1,247	16,875	1,407	20,813	1,735	22,500	1,875	28,125	2,344	33,750	2,813	39,375	3,282
3	5,316	443	18,820	1,569	21,225	1,769	26,178	2,182	28,300	2,359	35,375	2,948	42,450	3,538	49,525	4,128
4	6,084	507	22,677	1,890	25,575	2,132	31,543	2,629	34,100	2,842	42,625	3,553	51,150	4,263	59,675	4,973
5	6,804	567	26,534	2,212	29,925	2,494	36,908	3,076	39,900	3,325	49,875	4,157	59,850	4,988	69,825	5,819
6	7,488	624	30,391	2,533	34,275	2,857	42,273	3,523	45,700	3,809	57,125	4,761	68,550	5,713	79,975	6,665
7	8,124	677	34,248	2,854	38,625	3,219	47,638	3,970	51,500	4,292	64,375	5,365	77,250	6,438	90,125	7,511
8	8,736	728	38,105	3,176	42,975	3,582	53,003	4,417	57,300	4,775	71,625	5,969	85,950	7,163	100,275	8,357
Each Add.	600	50	3,857	322	4,350	363	5,365	448	5,800	484	7,250	605	8,700	725	10,150	846

2000 MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS AND RESOURCE LEVELS
as of January 1, 2000

Family Size	AFDC (July 16, 1996)		SSI		Medically Needy	
	Income	Resources*	Income	Resources	Income	Resources
1	185	2,000	543.25	2,000	367	4,000
2	369	2,000	794.36	3,000	434	6,000
3	443	2,000			567	6,100
4	507	2,000			659	6,200
5	567	2,000			742	6,300
6	624	2,000			825	6,400

* While income standards and methodologies are based on the former AFDC program, resource standards and methodologies are the same as WFNJ/TANF.

New Jersey Care - 2000								
Family Size	Aged, Blind, & Disabled 100% of Poverty Level		Pregnant Women and Children under the Age of 1 185% of Poverty Level		Children under the Age of 6 133% of Poverty Level		Children Born after 9/30/83 100% of Poverty Level	
	Income	Resources	Income	Resources	Income	Resources	Income	Resources
1	\$696	\$4,000	\$1,288		\$926		\$696	
2	938	\$6,000	1,735		1,247		938	
3			2,182		1,569		1,180	
4			2,629		1,890		1,421	
5			3,076		2,212		1,663	
6			3,523		2,533		1,905	

New Jersey Care resource limits apply only to aged, blind, and disabled individuals.

The income standard (Medicaid "cap") for long term care is \$1,536.

PAAD Single \$18,587 Couple \$22,791

NJ KidCare 2000 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	D Up to 350% of the Poverty Level
	Monthly	Monthly	Monthly	Monthly
1	\$926	\$1,044	\$1,392	\$2,436
2	1,247	1,407	1,875	3,282
3	1,569	1,769	2,359	4,128
4	1,890	2,132	2,842	4,973
5	2,212	2,494	3,325	5,819
6	2,533	2,857	3,809	6,665

SLMB 2000

Family Size	Up to 120% of the Poverty Level		
	Monthly	Annual	Resources
1	\$835	\$10,020	\$4,000
2	1,125	13,500	\$6,000
SLMB Q1-1999 Up to 135%			
1	\$940	\$11,273	\$4,000
2	1,266	15,188	\$6,000
SLMB Q1-2000 Up to 175%			
1	\$1,218	\$14,613	\$4,000
2	1,641	19,688	\$6,000

FEDERAL POVERTY LEVELS (2000)

Family Size	100% Pov. Level		133% Pov. Level		150% Pov. Level		185% Pov. Level		200% Pov. Level		350% Pov. Level	
	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly
1	\$8,350	\$696	\$11,106	\$926	\$12,525	\$1,044	\$15,448	\$1,288	\$16,700	\$1,392	\$29,225	\$2,436
2	11,250	938	14,963	1,247	16,875	1,407	20,813	1,735	22,500	1,875	39,375	3,282
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6	22,850	1,905	30,391	2,533	34,275	2,857	42,273	3,523	45,700	3,809	79,975	6,665
7	25,750	2,146	34,248	2,854	38,625	3,219	47,638	3,970	51,500	4,292	90,125	7,511
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