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County Welfare Agency Directors

New Jersey Care....Special Medicaid Programs Liaisons

**SUBJECT:** New Jersey Supplemental Prenatal Care Program (NJSPCP)

This is to advise you that the State Fiscal Year 2009 Appropriations Act included additional funding to both hospitals and clinics for the continuation of the New Jersey Supplemental Prenatal Care Program (NJSPCP).

Therefore, the Presumptive Eligibility Unit has begun to process Presumptive Eligibility/NJ FamilyCare applications dated on or after July 1, 2008, for those pregnant women who appear to meet the eligibility requirements for New Jersey Care...Special Medicaid Programs except for their citizenship or immigrant status.

Your agencies should begin to validate NJSPCP eligibility, as well as process eligibility for the Medical Emergency Payment Program for Aliens to cover labor and delivery services for these cases.

The hospitals and clinics have been reminded that the NJSPCP is not an entitlement program and therefore, once the allocated funds have been exhausted, the program will close, with no further prenatal services being paid for these pregnant women. Should this occur, you would be notified.

As always, we appreciate your continued assistance in assuring that every pregnant woman is afforded the opportunity to access quality prenatal care, which will ultimately improve her chances of delivering a healthy newborn.

If you have any questions concerning this information, please contact the Presumptive Eligibility Unit at 609-588-2911.

Sincerely,

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