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TO: County Welfare Agency Directors

SUBJECT: Continued Medicaid Eligibility for Pregnant Women and Children
Under the Age of Two

This communication serves as clarification of the eligibility policy for New Jersey Care...Special Medicaid Programs, as it applies to pregnant women and children under the age of two, in cases where it is determined that AFDC cash benefits will be terminated due to excess income and/or resources.

Since a pregnant woman would have met the New Jersey Care eligibility guidelines while she was eligible for AFDC, and since her case could not be terminated during the course of her pregnancy regardless of any change in income, she would automatically be eligible for New Jersey Care and the 60-day postpartum benefit period.

In cases where a pregnant woman's AFDC cash benefit has been terminated due to excess income and/or resources, the County Welfare Agencies' AFDC Units have been urged to take appropriate action to continue Medicaid eligibility through New Jersey Care or Medically Needy via DEA Instruction No. 90-7-1.

For a child under the age of two, in order for eligibility to be established, the New Jersey Care income limits must be met. If the child is determined eligible, his/her eligibility must be redetermined at intervals of not less than 6 months following the month of initial eligibility or the last redetermination, or at such time as the County Welfare Agency is notified of a change in circumstances.

As a reminder, the value of resources is not considered when determining New Jersey Care eligibility for pregnant women and children under the age of two. However, inquiries concerning resources are appropriate in order to establish the level of income, if any, that may result from the ownership of a resource.

This information should be brought to the attention of all appropriate Medicaid staff. Any questions concerning this communication should be directed to the field staff assigned to your county.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark 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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