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DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND HEALTH SERVICES

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DATE: January 24, 1994

TO: County Welfare Agency Directors
Tax Security Liaisons

SUBJECT: Use of LOOPS and State Wage Reporting
System for Medicaid Applicants

This is to advise that county welfare agency staff now have access to the Local Office On-Line Payments System (LOOPS) and the State Wage Reporting System (WRS) through the OTIS Medicaid eligibility system. Medicaid Communication 93-9, dated March 30, 1993, suspended the applicant matching requirement due to the unavailability of LOOPS through OTIS at that time. The Division's Office of Management Information Systems staff completed training for designated county welfare agency staff on November 15 and 22, 1993.

Effective February 1, 1994, county welfare agency staff will be required to access LOOPS and the State Wage System for every client at the time of application for the Medicaid Only and New Jersey Care...Special Medicaid Programs, including the Medically Needy segment. Since the applicant match is a required component of the federally-mandated Income and Eligibility Verification System (IEVS), i.e., Unemployment Insurance Benefits (UIB) and Wage Reporting System (WRS) matches, a copy of the appropriate screen(s) showing proof of access must be included in the case record. This is required regardless of whether or not specific benefit/wage information is found for that individual as a result of the inquiry. Additionally, the LOOPS package includes information concerning **State** temporary disability benefits which can be accessed through the DABS screens, as appropriate.

As a result of the on-line access for applicant information, the corresponding IEVS match reports have been modified. The periodicity for the UIB matches/reports will be changed from twice monthly to monthly, and the WRS matches/reports will be changed from twice monthly to quarterly.

Any questions concerning this information should be directed to Ginni Elmer of the Division's Office of Management Information Systems at (609) 588-2762.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan G. Wheeler", with a stylized, sweeping flourish at the end.

Alan G. Wheeler
Acting Director

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c: Marion E. Reitz, Director
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