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DATE: March 23, 2001

TO: County Welfare Agency Directors
NJ FamilyCare Liaisons
Statewide Eligibility Determination Agency
ISS Area Supervisors

SUBJECT: Discontinuation of NJ FamilyCare Presumptive Eligibility
for Adults and Certain Legal Immigrant Children

This is to advise that effective April 2, 2001, the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services is discontinuing presumptive eligibility as a means of accessing temporary benefits through the NJ FamilyCare Program for adults and certain legal immigrant children (children with dates of entry into the United States on or after August 22, 1996).

As a result of this change in policy, Presumptive Eligibility Providers will no longer be able to determine adults, and certain legal immigrant children as specified above, presumptively eligible for medical benefits. However, the Presumptive Eligibility Unit will process in the usual manner all presumptive eligibility certifications that are signed and dated prior to April 2, 2001, and sent within two working days.

For any presumptive eligibility certification previously submitted, or completed and submitted prior to April 2, 2001, the Presumptive Eligibility Unit will continue to extend presumptive eligibility for those individuals who subsequently submit a NJ FamilyCare application within the presumptive eligibility period until a final determination of eligibility is made by the county board of social services or the State vendor.

Therefore, it is extremely important that all presumptive eligibility disposition forms are completed and returned to the Presumptive Eligibility Unit no later than one week after the termination of presumptive eligibility so that appropriate action may be taken, if necessary.

All presumptive eligibility certifications for adults and certain legal immigrant children that are signed and dated on or after April 2, 2001 will be returned to the provider

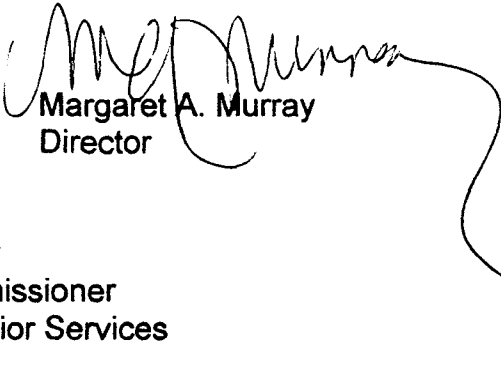
unprocessed. The providers may evaluate these individuals for the Charity Care Program.

Be advised that this change does not affect a provider's ability to determine other children and pregnant woman presumptively eligible for temporary benefits. This includes legal immigrant children with dates of entry into the US prior to August 22, 1996. Your agency should continue to coordinate and process in the usual manner full NJ FamilyCare eligibility for those individuals that are referred to you.

Presumptive Eligibility Providers have been encouraged to continue to assist all potentially eligible individuals with the completion of NJ FamilyCare applications for full benefits available under that program.

Any questions regarding this information should be directed to the Presumptive Eligibility Unit at (609) 588-2911.

Sincerely,



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