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DATE: December 15, 2006

TO: County Welfare Agency Directors
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Statewide Eligibility Determination Agency

SUBJECT: Phase II Health Benefits Identification (HBID) Cards
Revisions to Medicaid Communication # 06-04

The second phase of the HBID implementation took place in Bergen, Cape May, Gloucester, Mercer, Morris, Salem, Somerset, Union and Warren Counties and clients began using them on October 1, 2006. The remaining counties will be notified regarding their HBID card implementation schedule once it is finalized.

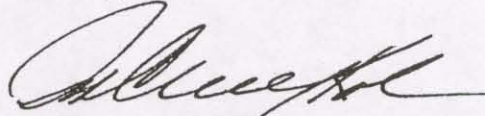
The state supports several methodologies for verifying eligibility. The most commonly used method by providers is the phone-based system referred to as the Recipient Eligibility Verification System or REVS. Effective September 1, 2006, the state made available a method to verify eligibility using the internet, which is referred to as eMEVS or electronic Medicaid Eligibility Verification System. eMEVS is supported on the secured area of the NJ Medicaid website, located at www.njmmis.com.

When using eMEVS, a provider has the option to enter a Card Control Number from the HBID card, the client's NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid ID, or the client's Social Security Number or name. While the provider had to listen to the eligibility response when using REVS, eMEVS displays a formatted eligibility response on the computer, which the provider can view quickly and print for their client records. County Welfare Agency staff cannot access eMEVS. County staff should continue to use www.njmmis.com to verify eligibility.

Beginning November 1, 2006, clients residing in Atlantic, Hudson, Middlesex and Ocean Counties, received their HBID cards which they must use starting December 1, 2006. Beneficiaries residing in Burlington, Cumberland, Essex, Hunterdon and Passaic Counties, will receive their cards starting January 1, 2007 to be used February 1, 2007.

Your cooperation regarding these changes is appreciated. Questions regarding this communication should be referred to your field staff, Office of Policy Development at 609-588-2556.

Sincerely,



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