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MEDICAID COMMUNICATION NO: 07-14

JON S. CORZINE

Governor

DATE: August 8, 2007

TO: County Welfare Agency Directors NJ FamilyCare Liaisons

SUBJECT: New Combined Application for Both Presumptive Eligibility (PE) for Pregnant Women and New Jersey Care

In an effort to improve the healthcare delivery process for pregnant women, a new PE application is now available. The PE for Children application has been revised to include PE for Pregnant Women (copy attached). Beginning September 1, 2007, this is the only application that will be used for determining PE. Therefore, providers will no longer be able to use the 4-part form FD-334; nor will staff need to complete the "New Jersey Care Pregnant Women and Infants" form FD-335 to determine full Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare eligibility. At this time, an online application is not available for PE for Pregnant Women.

This application will be processed by the County using the regular NJ FamilyCare application instructions and documentation requirements. A face-to-face interview is not required.

After staff establishes eligibility and records the policy number in the lower right-hand corner, the staff person must make a copy for the Health Benefit Coordinator (HBC) according to the process outlined in Medicaid Communication No: 07-11, dated April 4, 2007 (copy attached). The HBC must receive a copy of this application in order to promptly enroll the pregnant woman into an HMO.

Questions concerning this communication should be referred to the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services field staff assigned to your county.

Sincerely.

John R. Guh Director

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MEDICAID COMMUNICATION NO: 07-11

DATE : April 4, 2007

TO: County Welfare Agency Directors NJ FamilyCare Liaisons

SUBJECT: New Procedure for Processing the Client's HMO Selection from the One-Page Application

In an effort to decrease the number of clients who are auto-assigned to HMOs, the Division is requesting your cooperation in implementing a new procedure.

Currently the one-page NJ FamilyCare application, which is used to determine eligibility and to select an HMO, is being sent to ACS before eligibility has been established by the County Board of Social Services and in some cases the application is not sent at all. Because ACS cannot process the HMO selection form until eligibility has been established, many clients are being auto-assigned after they have selected an HMO on the one-page application.

Additionally when clients are outreached by ACS to select an HMO, they often do not respond because they have already selected an HMO on their application. To help remedy this issue, please follow these instructions which have been discussed at the NJ FamilyCare supervisors meeting.

Once eligibility has been established:

- 1. The 12-digit case # (Policy #) must be written in the box in the lower right hand corner of the application.
- 2. The words "HMO only" should be written on the top of the application.
- 3. The HMO choice, the Policy #, and the signature should be visible on the copy submitted to ACS in order for ACS to facilitate enrollment.
- 4. Application copies should be put in bins provided by ACS after the case is on OIT or has supervisor sign off.
- 5. Do not mail application copies directly to ACS.

JON S. CORZINE Governor 6. ACS staff will pick up applications routinely from the bins. They will review and reconcile with the CBOSS supervisor any application placed in the bin without a policy number.

Electronic applications should be treated in the same way as the mailed-in applications. Be sure a copy of the electronic application with the policy number is placed in the ACS bin.

Questions concerning this communication should be referred to the field staff assigned to your county.

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