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Area Supervisors

SUBJECT:

Retroactive NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid Eligibility Processing in Essex. Hunterdon and

Warren Counties.

As of July 1999 all county welfare agencies (CWAs) except Essex, Hunterdon and Warren counties agreed to process retroactive Medicaid eligibility for all NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid applicants approved -fter that date. Effective September 1, 2007, Essex, Hunterdon and Warren counties will join the .ner counties by processing retroactive eligibility for Medicaid Only, New Jersey Care...Special Medicaid Programs and NJ FamilyCare Plan A cases. The process is now operationalized Statewide

All CWAs shall process retroactive eligibility using the initial application form. The Retroactive Eligibility Application (FD-74) should not be used. It is important for county workers to ascertain whether an applicant has outstanding medical bills, which were incurred during the three-month period immediately prior to the month of application for NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid.

The Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services Retroactive Unit will continue to process applications received from SSI eligible individuals.

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

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