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**TO:** County Welfare Agency Directors

**SUBJECT:** Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnant Woman under NJSPCP (New Jersey Supplemental Prenatal Care Program)

The Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) is pleased to inform you that the State Fiscal Year 2014 Appropriations Act included additional funding to both hospitals and clinics for the reauthorization of the New Jersey Supplemental Prenatal Care Program (NJSPCP).

Therefore, the Presumptive Eligibility (PE) Unit will begin processing online Presumptive Eligibility Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare applications, which are dated on or after July 1, 2013, for those pregnant women who appear to meet the eligibility requirements for the New Jersey Care...Special Medicaid Programs except for the citizenship or immigrant requirements.

You are reminded that the NJSPCP is not an entitlement program. Therefore, once the funds allocated for the State Fiscal Year 2014 are exhausted, the program will close, and no further services will be paid.

In any case, potential NJSPCP pregnant women should continue to be referred to the County Welfare Agencies for a required evaluation under the Medical Emergency Payment Program for Aliens (MEPPFA) which establishes "labor and delivery" coverage for the last trimester of the pregnancy. Once the three month eligibility segment is determined the eligibility period must include the Special Program Code (SPC) of "10" or "11". Additionally, this procedure requires timely dispositions to be submitted to the PE Unit reporting the eligibility process for the MEPPFA coverage.

As always, we appreciate your continued assistance in assuring that all resident New Jersey pregnant women have the opportunity to access quality prenatal care, which ultimately improves their chances of delivering healthy newborns.

If you have any questions regarding this Medicaid Communication, please refer them to the Division's Presumptive Eligibility Unit at 609-588-2911 or the Division's Office of Eligibility Policy field service staff for your agency at 609-588-2556.

Sincerely,

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