MEDICAID COMMUNICATION NO. 08-08  DATE: June 27, 2008

TO: County Welfare Agency Directors
    New Jersey Care...Special Medicaid Programs Liaisons

SUBJECT: New Jersey Supplemental Prenatal Care Program
         (NJSPCP)

Effective July 1, 2008, there will be a change in processing for the State-funded New Jersey Supplemental Prenatal Care Program (NJSPCP), which provides limited prenatal care services to women who would have otherwise qualified for New Jersey Care...Special Medicaid Programs or the NJ FamilyCare program except for their immigration status.

Extensions for NJSPCP will no longer be required. Eligibility will continue to be effective the date of the Presumptive Eligibility/NJ FamilyCare application. However, the termination date will now be at the end of the month of the pregnant woman’s expected due date. This change in process will eliminate duplicate provider applications and expedite application processing.

The Presumptive Eligibility (PE) provider will continue to send the County Welfare Agency (CWA) the original application. The provider will give the client a copy of the application along with an “Important Information” notice (attached) telling them that they will be outreached by the CWA. The client will also be given “Patient Guidelines” (attached) which explains the documentation they may be asked to provide. The CWAs shall contact these clients to obtain the required documentation to process eligibility for the Emergency Medical Payment Program for Aliens (see attached Medicaid Communication No. 99-13) so that labor and delivery charges can be covered.

It is important to remember to complete the NJSPCP disposition form and return it to the PE Unit.
You will be notified when the State Fiscal Year 2009 Appropriations Act is passed as to whether funding to both hospitals and clinics is continued for NJSPCP.

If you have any questions, please contact the PE unit at 609-588-2911.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

John R. Guhl
Director

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Attachments

c: Jennifer Velez, Commissioner
   Department of Human Services

   William Ditto, Executive Director
   Division of Disability Services

   Kevin Martone, Assistant Commissioner
   Division of Mental Health Services

   Jeanette Page-Hawkins, Director
   Division of Family Development

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   Division of Developmental Disabilities

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   Division of Youth and Family Services
   Department of Children and Families

   Heather Howard, J.D., Commissioner
   Kathleen M. Mason, Assistant Commissioner
   Department of Health and Senior Services
IMPORTANT INFORMATION

• Attached is a copy of the application for NJ FamilyCare(NJFC)/Medicaid health insurance that has been filled out for you today.

• NJFC/Medicaid provides free quality health care for pregnant women who are citizens or have papers that allow them to remain in the US permanently. For those who are undocumented, limited services may also be available.

• You may receive temporary coverage through NJFC/Medicaid based on the information you gave on this application.

• Within 30 days, you should receive a letter from your local County Welfare Agency requesting proof of pregnancy, proof of income, and possibly some other information. Please respond right away. In order to keep this coverage, you will have to provide the requested documents. If you are found to be eligible, you will receive full health insurance coverage from NJFC/Medicaid, and become enrolled into an HMO.

• Eligible pregnant women receive an additional 60 days of postpartum coverage, and their babies get a guaranteed one year of NJFC/Medicaid. After the 60 days, you may be eligible for continued coverage from NJ FamilyCare. Follow up with your County Welfare Agency.

• If you have questions, please refer them to the hospital or clinic where your application was completed.
To the Medicaid Applicant:

The county welfare agency may require some or all of the following listed items in order to make a decision regarding your application for Medicaid.

- Proof of State Residency
- Social Security Cards for each family member who is applying
- Proof of Citizenship - Birth Certificates or Hospital Certificates and Permanent Resident Alien documentation form # I-551 for each family member who is applying
- Marriage license(s), Divorce Decree(s), if applicable
- One pay stub for the most recent month that best describes the household income
- Proof of non-work income (not needed for child support or alimony)
- Income Tax Form 1040 and appropriate schedules
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INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE para EMBARAZADAS

- Adjunta encontrará una copia de la solicitud para el seguro de salud de NJ FamilyCare(NJFC)/Medicaid que se llenó hoy con su información.

- NJFC/Medicaid brinda atención de salud de calidad gratuitamente a las embarazadas que son ciudadanas de este país o que tienen documentos que les permiten permanecer en Estados Unidos permanentemente. Las personas indocumentadas podrían poder recibir servicios limitados.

- Podría recibir cobertura temporal mediante NJFC/Medicaid, según la información que haya proporcionado en esta solicitud.

- En un plazo de 30 días debe recibir una carta del Consejo del Condado de Servicios Sociales para solicitarle una prueba de embarazo, prueba de su ingreso y posiblemente otra información. Por favor conteste de inmediato. Para que pueda continuar teniendo esta cobertura, deberá proporcionar los documentos que le soliciten. Si se determina que reúne los requisitos, recibirá cobertura de seguro de salud completa de NJFC/Medicaid y se le inscribirá en una Organización de Mantenimiento de la Salud (HMO, siglas en inglés).

- Las embarazadas que reúnen los requisitos reciben 60 días adicionales de cobertura después del parto y sus bebés obtienen un año garantizado de cobertura de NJFC/Medicaid. Después de 60 días, podría reunir los requisitos para continuar recibiendo la cobertura de NJ FamilyCare. Dé seguimiento a este asunto con el Consejo del Condado de Servicios Sociales.

- Si tiene preguntas, por favor hágalas al hospital o la clínica en donde se llenó su solicitud.