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DATE: July 25, 2011

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

SUBJECT: New Jersey Supplemental Prenatal Care Program (NJSPCP)

This is to advise you that the State Fiscal Year 2012 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 to process PE/NJ FamilyCare online applications dated on or after July 1, 2011, for those pregnant women who appear to meet the eligibility requirements for New Jersey Care...Special Medicaid Programs except for their citizenship or immigrant status.

NJSPCP applicants who are pregnant and otherwise eligible as pregnant women except for their undocumented immigrant citizenship status are required to be processed for the Medical Emergency Payment Program for Aliens (MEPPFA) which establishes "labor and delivery" coverage for the last trimester of the pregnancy. The 3 month eligibility segment is determined and that eligibility period must include the Special Program Code (SPC) of "10" or "11".

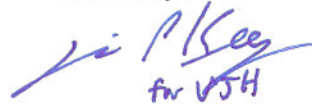
Your agencies should begin to validate NJSPCP eligibility, as well as process the online applications to determine and input eligibility for MEPPFA to cover labor and delivery services for these cases. Additionally, this process requires timely dispositions to be submitted to the PE Unit, reporting the eligibility processing for the MEPPFA coverage.

The hospitals and clinics have been reminded that NJSPCP is not an entitlement program and therefore, once the allocated funds have been exhausted, the program will close, with no further prenatal services being paid for these pregnant women. Should this occur, you would be notified.

As always, we appreciate your continued assistance in assuring that every pregnant woman is afforded the opportunity to access quality prenatal care, which will ultimately improve her chances of delivering a healthy newborn.

If you have any questions regarding this Medicaid Communication, please refer them to the Division's PE 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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