TO: County Welfare Agency Directors

SUBJECT: County of Residence and Hospitalization

For cases where hospitalization occurs outside of the client’s county of residence, it is important that the beneficiary’s county of residence remains constant regardless of the location of the hospitalization. This also includes individuals who are receiving treatment in an acute care hospital/state psychiatric hospital. The length of hospitalization does not have an impact on the county of residence; the original county of residence of the beneficiary shall remain constant.

However, if an individual permanently relocates from an acute care facility to a Long Term Care Facility, he or she will be considered a resident of the county in which the Long Term Care Facility is located. If this results in the case needing to be transferred from one county to another, the transfer procedures outlined in Medicaid Communication 12-02 should be followed.

The county of residence at the time an application is submitted must complete the eligibility determination prior to the case transfer. The regulations in N.J.A.C. 10-71:3.6 should be followed.

If you have any questions regarding this Medicaid Communication, please refer them to the Division’s Office of Eligibility Policy and County Operations field service staff assigned to your agency at 609-588-2556.

Sincerely,

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