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TO: Hospitals – For Action
Federally Qualified Health Centers – For Action
Providers of Pharmaceutical Services – For Information

SUBJECT: Termination of Presumptive Eligibility for Adults and Immigrant Children whose Date of Entry was after August 22, 1996

EFFECTIVE: April 2, 2001

PURPOSE: To inform hospitals and federally qualified health centers of the termination of the presumptive eligibility process for adults and immigrant children whose date of entry was after August 22, 1996

BACKGROUND: The FamilyCare Health Coverage Act, P.L., c. 71, provided an option for hospitals and federally qualified health centers to determine eligibility and access payment for adults, including parents, and certain legal immigrants who were transitioning into the NJ FamilyCare program.

Effective April 2, 2001, the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services is discontinuing presumptive eligibility as a means of accessing temporary benefits through the NJ FamilyCare Program for adults and non-qualified immigrant children, that is, those children whose date of entry into the United States was on or after August 22, 1996.

ACTION: As of April 2, 2001, your facility will no longer be able to perform presumptive eligibility determinations for adults or non-qualified immigrant children. All Presumptive Eligibility Certifications that are signed and dated prior to April 2, 2001, and sent within two business days of signature, will be processed in the usual manner.

For any Presumptive Eligibility Certification previously submitted, or completed and submitted up to the final cutoff date of April 2, 2001, continuation of presumptive eligibility may be provided for those who subsequently submit an application for NJ FamilyCare within the presumptive eligibility period, until a final determination is made by the county board of social services or the State eligibility determination agency.

All Presumptive Eligibility Certifications that are signed and dated on or after April 2, 2001 will be returned to the provider unprocessed. These cases may be considered for the Charity Care Program.

Be advised that this change does not affect your ability to perform presumptive eligibility determinations on eligible children and pregnant women who receive medical care through your facility.

Although presumptive eligibility will no longer be an option for every individual you serve, we encourage you to continue assisting all potentially eligible individuals with the completion of NJ FamilyCare applications for full medical benefits available through that program.

Questions regarding this information should be directed to the Presumptive Eligibility Unit at (609) 588-2911.

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