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**TO:** Hospitals and Federally Qualified Health Centers - **For Action**

**SUBJECT:** **On-Line Enhancements to the Medicaid Eligibility Verification System (MEVS)**

**EFFECTIVE:** Immediately

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this Newsletter is to announce new enhancements to the electronic Medicaid Eligibility Verification System (eMEVS) and MEVS intended to provide additional information regarding NJ FamilyCare (NJFC)/Medicaid eligibility.

**BACKGROUND:** NJFC/Medicaid providers access eMEVS and MEVS to determine the eligibility status of NJFC/Medicaid clients.

DMAHS previously assisted hospitals to identify NJFC/Medicaid hospital stays that were eligible for Medicare Disproportionate Share (DSH). DMAHS is transitioning this responsibility to hospitals. Hospitals must be able to identify the "Program Status Codes" in order to verify Medicaid eligibility using the eMEVS and MEVS provided through the State.

**ACTION:**

1. A new MEVS feature is the displaying of the "Program Status Codes" to the on-line MEVS eligibility verification screens accessible by hospitals. Program Status Codes (PSCs) are 3-digit codes used by DMAHS to identify categories of program eligibility. Previously, there was only a Service Plan Identification (Plan A, B, C...) denoting the services covered based on program eligibility. Now there will also be a PSC for each client. A listing of *Program Status Codes and Descriptions* can be found at [www.njmmis.com](http://www.njmmis.com) located under 'Forms and Documents'.
2. Another new MEVS feature is the display of an indicator that specifies the Federal Funds Participation (FFP) assigned to a NJFC/Medicaid client based on PSC. The FFP is expressed as a percentage and is to be utilized only by hospitals

PLEASE NOTE: The PSC & FFP have always been used by DMAHS but not previously displayed in MEVS and eMEVS. This display does not change the determination of eligibility.

3. Eligibility information available through the MEVS has been expanded from two (2) to a minimum of five (5) years.

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