

TO: Nursing Facilities (In-State and Out-of-State),
Intermediate Care Facilities/Mental Retardation,
State and County Governmental Psychiatric Hospitals
Residential Treatment Centers

SUBJECT: Admission of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Recipients to a
Medicaid-Approved Long-Term Care (LTC) Facility

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

BACKGROUND: When an SSI recipient enters a Medicaid approved LTC facility, it is a change of his/her living arrangement and, therefore, requires a review of his/her SSI payment level. The Social Security Administration (SSA) has identified these situations as a major reason for SSI overpayments. It may also impact ongoing Medicaid coverage.

PURPOSE: The Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) has requested the cooperation of LTC providers in facilitating the review of eligibility for SSI by asking that the facility contact the SSA District Office (SSA/DO) and advise them of the recipient's admission to the facility.

ACTION: When a SSI recipient is admitted to a LTC facility, the facility shall imme

1. Recipient's name;
2. Social Security number; and
3. Date of admission.

NOTE: A Medicaid application must be filed with the local county welfare agency (CWA) for individuals with an income greater than \$60.00, because they will lose SSI and SSI-related Medicaid benefits. To ensure that eligibility is not interrupted, this should be initiated no later than the month of admission.

Attached is a list of the SSA/DOs in New Jersey

Garden State Health Plan prior authorization policies and procedures remain in effect.

Questions regarding this Medicaid Alert should be directed to the Office of Eligibility Policy and Operation, Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, (609) 588-2556.

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