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TO: All Providers

SUBJECT: Elimination of Livery Transportation as a Covered Medical Service

EFFECTIVE: August 15, 1994

BACKGROUND: Under Federal regulations, a state Medicaid agency must ensure necessary transportation for recipients to and from providers when the purpose of the trip is to enable a recipient to obtain a Medicaid-covered service. Currently, the New Jersey Medicaid program provides for "lower mode" transportation for recipients who do not require ambulance or invalid coach services, in one of two ways: (1) on a fee-for-service basis as an item of medical assistance provided by enrolled livery providers; and (2) on an administrative cost basis as arranged and/or provided by the county welfare agencies.

ACTION: Effective for dates of service on and after August 15, 1994, the New Jersey Medicaid program will no longer recognize livery as a covered medical service reimbursed on a fee-for-service basis. However, necessary "lower mode" transportation will be available to Medicaid recipients through State-contracted vendors in Essex and Hudson Counties and through the county welfare agencies in the remaining 19 counties.

If a Medicaid recipient is in need of "lower mode" transportation service in Essex County, the State-contracted vendor may be accessed by calling 1-800-315-LAST. In Hudson County, the toll-free number is 1-800-404-2182.

In the remaining 19 counties, Medicaid recipients in need of "lower mode" transportation services may be referred to their respective county welfare agency.

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