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TO: Providers of Pharmaceutical Services

SUBJECT: Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD) Program - New Income Eligibility Limits

EFFECTIVE: February 15, 1995 and Retroactive to January 1, 1995

BACKGROUND: To inform providers of pharmaceutical services that on February 15, 1995, and retroactive to January 1, 1995, legislative bill S184/A95 was signed into law by Governor Christine Todd Whitman. This legislation increased the Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD) income eligibility limits as follows:

Single person - less than \$16,624 (previously \$16,171)
Married couple - less than \$20,383 (previously \$19,828)

This legislation also provides for an automatic increase in the eligibility limits each year to reflect the amount of the Social Security Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA).

ACTION: Persons who were ineligible and incurred out-of-pocket costs to purchase drugs, but are now eligible for PAAD under the new income guidelines, may also be eligible for direct reimbursement. PAAD recipients eligible for direct reimbursement retroactive to January 1, 1995, will receive instructions on how to obtain the reimbursement. They will be required to have their pharmacist complete an MC-6 claim form for each eligible prescription and to return the completed form with proof of purchase (receipt) to PAAD for the consideration of reimbursement.

Direct any questions concerning eligibility requirements to the Office of PAAD, Lifeline and Special Benefit Programs, Mail Code #33, CN 715, Trenton, NJ 08625-0715. The toll-free hotline is 1-800-792-9745.

NOTE: Included with this newsletter is a sign which may be posted informing PAAD recipients of this change.

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- * PAAD income levels have increased effective January 1, 1995.
- * The new levels are \$16,624 (annually) if you are single
- * \$20,383 (annually) if you are a couple.
- * To apply, complete and return the PAAD application to:

PAAD
CN-715
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0715

- * **NOTE:** These changes DO NOT affect Lifeline Programs until
- * the 1995-1996 Heating Season.