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TO: All Medicaid Providers

SUBJECT: Extension of Eligibility Age Level for ACCAP Services

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BACKGROUND: Section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act allows a State Medicaid program to seek and secure waiver approval from the Health Care Financing Administration to allow a state to provide home and community-based services to individuals who might otherwise not be eligible for care while they reside in the community. Under this authority, New Jersey has administered the AIDS Community Care Alternatives Program (ACCAP) since 1987.

Through the combined efforts of the Divisions of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) and of Medical Assistance and Health Services (Medicaid), New Jersey has obtained approval to extend the eligibility age level from age five to the age of 13 for HIV positive children requiring ACCAP waiver services. The eligibility requirements for ACCAP can be found at N.J.A.C. 10:49-22.7.

Children who are otherwise eligible for ACCAP, who are HIV Positive, and for whom a waiver slot is available, are now eligible for ACCAP services up to the age of 13.

The following services can be provided to eligible children who have been accepted for ACCAP:

1. Case management,
2. For children: intensive supervision to children who reside in DYFS foster homes, and specialized group foster home,
3. Hospice care services at home,

4. Medical day care (specialized),
5. Certain narcotic and drug abuse treatments at home,
6. Personal care assistant services (with no limitation on the number of hours), and
7. Private duty nursing.

ACTION: Home Care providers should remove pages **60-61** through **60-64** from the Home Care Services manuals and insert the attached replacement pages.

If you have questions, you may contact the Bureau of Home and Community Services at (609) 588-2620.

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10:60-2.12 AIDS Community Care Alternatives Program (ACCAP)

- (a) The AIDS Community Care Alternatives Program (ACCAP) is a renewable Federal waiver program which offers home and community-based services to recipients with Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) and children up to the age of five who are HIV positive.
- (b) The waiver, prepared by the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services in response to the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 (P.L. 97-35) and the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986 (P.L. 99-509), encourages the development of community-based services. The purpose of the program is to help eligible recipients to remain in, or to return to, the community rather than be cared for in a nursing facility or hospital setting.
- (c) The program is statewide with slots allocated to each county based upon the estimated number of AIDS recipients to be served.
- (d) The Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services administers the overall program. Additionally, it has the responsibility for assessing a recipient's need for care and for determining which recipients will be served by the program.

10:60-2.13 Application process for ACCAP

- (a) Individuals who are not currently Medicaid eligible or recipients currently eligible for Medicaid through the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) and who wish to apply for ACCAP, shall make application to the County Welfare Agency/Board of Social Services located in the county where the individual resides.
- (b) Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients who wish to apply for ACCAP shall make application to the appropriate Medicaid District Office serving their county of residence.
- (c) Applications for children under the supervision of the Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) shall be initiated by DYFS.

- (c) All recipients determined to be eligible for ACCAP shall be issued a Medicaid Eligibility Identification card.
- (d) In order for an applicant to be enrolled in the program, a waiver slot must be available.

10:60-2.15 ACCAP services

- (a) All Medicaid services, except for nursing facility services, are available under ACCAP in accord with an individualized plan of care. Additionally, the following services are available to the eligible recipient:
 - 1. Case management: A process in which a public health nurse or social worker (MSW) in a community agency is responsible for planning, locating, coordinating and monitoring a group of services designed to meet the individual needs of the recipient being served.
 - i. Special Child Health Units under contract to the New Jersey State Department of Health shall provide case management services to children up to the age of 21.
 - ii. Recipients 21 years of age or older shall be referred to case management sites which provide case management services for New Jersey Medicaid's ACCAP.
 - iii. Case management shall not be provided when a recipient is in an inpatient hospital setting and the stay extends a full calendar month or beyond.
 - 2. Private-duty nursing (PDN): Care provided by a registered professional nurse or licensed practical nurse. PDN is continuous rather than part-time or intermittent, provided in the community only, not in an inpatient hospital setting. A nurse shall be employed by a licensed home health agency, voluntary non-profit homemaker/home health aide agency, private