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**TO:** Hospitals-Chief Executive Officers  
(Also route to eligibility intake staff)  
Birth Centers, Physicians, FQHCs,  
Certified Nurse Midwives, Independent Clinics,  
Pharmacies, and Clinical Laboratories

**SUBJECT:** New Jersey Supplementary Prenatal Care Program

**EFFECTIVE:** **July 12, 1999**

**BACKGROUND:** In 1996, federal restrictions were implemented which denied Medicaid eligibility for five years for legal immigrant pregnant women who entered the United States on or after August 22, 1996. New Jersey has appropriated state funds to establish the New Jersey Supplementary Prenatal Care Program (NJSPCP), which provides prenatal care to legal immigrant pregnant women residing in New Jersey. Visitors and undocumented alien pregnant women are **not** eligible for NJSPCP.

**ACTION:** This program (NJSPCP) was implemented effective July 12, 1999. Services under this program are **LIMITED** to services directly related to pregnancy as follows:

- obstetrical care provided by physicians, certified nurse midwives or certified nurse practitioners, and
- pharmaceutical, radiological, and clinical laboratory services which are related to the pregnancy.

These services can be provided in out-patient hospital departments, birth centers, FQHCs, clinics and practitioners' offices.

Women who are eligible for this program will have a card which looks like the sample card attached. It will have a presumptive eligibility (PE) Medicaid number and a red

stamp stating **PRENATAL SERVICES ONLY**. Throughout the pregnancy, the PE Medicaid number will be the **only** Medicaid number these women will receive since services they are eligible for are limited.

**NOTE:** Providers should inform the patient to contact their County Board of Social Services (CBOSS) to obtain a different Medicaid number for labor and delivery services under the federally funded Medical Emergency Payment Program for Aliens. If a woman on NJSPCP has an emergency requiring inpatient care or a non-pregnancy related emergency, she should also be referred to the CBOSS to establish eligibility under the federally funded Medical Emergency Payment Program for Aliens as described in Newsletter Volume 8 No. 64 dated November 1998. In accordance with this Newsletter, a different Medicaid number will be established for payment of the emergency services but **no Medicaid card** will be issued. Providers can access REVS/MEVS for the Medicaid number.

Children born to women eligible under this prenatal care program are entitled to receive one year of guaranteed Medicaid eligibility. Therefore, as soon as possible after delivery, these women should be encouraged to contact the CBOSS and provide the mother's name, baby's name and date of birth so that Medicaid records can be established and claims for newborn care may be paid.

To check on a patient's eligibility for this prenatal care program, providers are advised to call the REVS / MEVS hotline 1-800-676-6562. The provider will receive a message which states "The services for this program are limited - please refer to Newsletter Volume 9, No.61, September 1999 for coverage."

For further information or questions regarding this Newsletter, please contact the Presumptive Eligibility Unit, at (609) 588-2911.

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