



State of New Jersey
Department of Human Services
Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services

MEDICAID ALERT

May 1993

TO: Chief Executive Officer - Hospitals

APPLICABLE TO: ONLY Hospitals With Blue Cross Network Terminals

(ROUTE TO: FINANCE, ACCOUNTING AND BILLING OFFICES)

SUBJECT: Medicaid Eligibility File

EFFECTIVE: May 21, 1993

BACKGROUND: The current Medicaid Eligibility Inquiry (MEIQ) system provides limited Medicaid eligibility and third-party liability information which can only be accessed by an HSP (Medicaid) Number.

ACTION: The Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) and the State of New Jersey Office of Telecommunication and Information Services, in response to requests from the provider community, will provide improved access to Medicaid recipient eligibility information as of May 21, 1993. This will be accomplished by expanding the service which is currently available via the MEIQ system through existing Blue Cross terminals. The new version of MEIQ will offer multiple-eligibility inquiry methods, previously unavailable service restriction data, and expanded eligibility and third-party liability information. Representatives of your billing departments were trained by the DMAHS staff and have received the revised Medicaid Eligibility Inquiry Manual for MEIQ.

If you or your staff have any questions concerning this Medicaid Alert or the use of the improved MEIQ, please contact Douglas Eide or Diane Henneberg, Office of Eligibility Policy and Operations at (609) 588-2936.

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