



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

MEDICAID ALERT

February 1994

TO: Hospitals - Chief Executive Officer

APPLICABLE TO: ONLY HOSPITALS WITH BLUE CROSS NETWORK TERMINALS

(ROUTE TO: FINANCE, ACCOUNTING AND BILLING OFFICES)

SUBJECT: Medicaid Eligibility File

EFFECTIVE: February 2, 1994

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. This Medicaid Alert informs hospitals of the enhanced and alternative method of identifying Medicaid recipient eligibility through the new **MEDICAID QUERY (MEDQ) SYSTEM**.

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 February 1, 1994. This will be accomplished by expanding the service which is currently available via the MEIQ system through existing Blue Cross terminals. The new version, called **MEDICAID QUERY (MEDQ)**, will offer multiple eligibility inquiry methods, access to 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 **MEDICAID QUERY (MEDQ) system**.

NOTE: The MEIQ system will continue to be available until further notice.

If you have any questions regarding this Medicaid Alert or the use of the improved **MEDICAID QUERY (MEDQ) system**, please contact Douglas Eide, Office of Eligibility Policy and Operations, Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, at (609) 588-2936.

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