



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

# MEDICAID ALERT

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TO: All Medicaid Providers  
FROM: Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services  
DATE: June 15, 1995  
SUBJECT: The Medicaid Managed Care Program -- New Jersey 2000

It is with great pride that the Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services announces the federal Health Care Financing Administration's approval of New Jersey's request for a 1915(b) waiver. This Waiver of certain sections of the Social Security Act gives New Jersey the authority to implement New Jersey Care 2000, Medicaid's Managed Care program.

Approval of the waiver signifies the beginning of a long and difficult process which can only succeed with the help of Medicaid providers such as yourself. A concerted effort is needed to assist the Department of Human Services in proceeding with the mandatory enrollment of Medicaid beneficiaries. The Department will begin mandatory enrollment of beneficiaries covered by the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) program into health maintenance organizations (HMOs) in Camden, Gloucester and Hudson Counties. This process will begin with initial mailings to Medicaid beneficiaries in these counties starting in June 1995. In early 1996, Essex County will follow. The State plans to continue a county-by-county phase-in over a two-year period ending in 1997.

New Jersey Care 2000 will, with your help, improve access to health care services and will encourage preventative and primary care services for Medicaid beneficiaries. It will ensure that quality, continuity, and appropriateness of medical care be provided. It will also enhance the cost effectiveness of the Medicaid program. Together we can make this happen.

Please assist the Department of Human Services in attaining its goals of increased access and improved health care for Medicaid beneficiaries. As partners in this initiative, we can actively move forward with New Jersey Care 2000.