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MEDICAID COMMUNICATION NO. 86 - 1

TO: County Welfare Agency Directors  
Bureau of Local Operations, Institutional  
Service Section

DATE: February 17, 1986

FROM: Cost of Living Increase - 3.1% - January 1986

Enclosed is the January 1986 Social Security Income Increase List covering patients in long-term care facilities (LTCF) in your county.

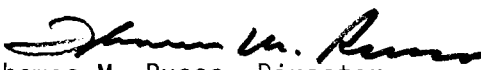
For the January cost of living increase, an automatic 3.1% was computed for those Medicaid patients who had a PA-3L in the long-term care billing system prior to January 1986 and were active on the December 1985 billing.

As facilities are required to report all income changes, including those involving the annual cost of living increase, a long-term care services bulletin was sent instructing the facilities to carefully review the benefit amount listed against the amount received for January 1986. The facilities were further instructed to report any corrections to the County Welfare Agency/Bureau of Local Operations so that a new PA-3L can be prepared, if necessary. Where errors greater than \$1.00 are identified, a corrected PA-3L must be submitted. For errors of \$1.00 or less, note the correct amount on the report and return to the Bureau of Claims and Accounts.

Those Medicaid patients not affected by the automatic increase are identified on the enclosed list and are also to be reviewed for accuracy.

This information is to be communicated to appropriate staff. Your cooperation in this matter is necessary for the accurate and efficient operation of the long-term care billing system. Questions regarding this communication can be directed to the Bureau of Claims and Accounts at (609) 292-7410.

Sincerely yours,

  
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Division of Medical Assistance  
and Health Services

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