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MEDICAID COMMUNICATION 88-9

DATE: February 25, 1988

TO: County Welfare Agency/Board of Social Services Directors

SUBJECT: AIDS Community Care Alternatives Program (ACCAP)

This is a follow-up to Medicaid Communication 87-10 of March 30, 1987, which described the AIDS Community Care Alternatives Program (ACCAP) initiated March 1, 1987. As of January 31, 1988 this program has served over 200 individuals statewide.

Eligibility Revision

The purpose of this Communication is to advise you that in response to our request, the Federal Health Care Financing Administration has approved an amendment to the program. Effective January 1, 1988, children up to the age of two not diagnosed as having AIDS or ARC but who are HIV positive may be served under ACCAP. However, if children are not diagnosed with AIDS or ARC by age two, they will be terminated from the program. Children must meet all other financial and medical requirements of ACCAP at all times.

New Service

The Federal Health Care Financing Administration has also approved our request for a new waiver service under ACCAP. As of January 1, 1988 a service entitled "Specialized Group Foster Care Home for Children" can be funded by Medicaid for children served under ACCAP. At present, the only home providing this service is St. Clare's Home, Elizabeth, New Jersey. All children served by this home are under the supervision of the Division of Youth and Family Services.

The service is provided at St. Clare's to children from birth to six years of age. Children receive an array of health care services from staff employed by the home.

Administration

The Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services administers the overall ACCAP program. Additionally, it has the responsibility for assessing an individual's needs for care and for determining which individuals will be served under the program.

The new service, as well as other services provided under ACCAP to Medicaid recipients, must be prior authorized by the Medicaid District Office in accordance with an individualized plan of care.

Operational Manual

An operational procedural manual on ACCAP is being finalized by the Office of Home Care Programs, Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, to provide the County Welfare Agencies/Boards of Social Services directives relative to their responsibilities. These procedures basically will follow the same format used in other home and community-based waiver programs.

Further Information

Questions about the program can be directed to Carol H. Kurland, Administrator, Office of Home Care Programs, at (609) 588-2620.

Sincerely yours,



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