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TO: County Welfare Agency Directors
Board of Social Services Directors

SUBJECT: Lifeline Program New Jersey Care ...Special Medicaid Programs
Outreach Letter

As one of many outreach projects for the New Jersey Care program, a mailing was sent to certain aged, blind and disabled individuals who are currently eligible for the Lifeline program. This September, 1988. mailing reached approximately 500 persons.

I am enclosing a copy of the letter, which contains important New Jersey Care information, including the telephone number each County Welfare Agency/Board of Social Services has designated to receive calls about the New Jersey Care program. Please inform appropriate staff that they can anticipate some calls in response to this mailing.

Thank you for your continued cooperation. If you have any questions, please call the Office of Program Development staff at (609) 588-2828.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas M. Russo, Director
Division of Medical Assistance
and Health Services

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Attachment
cc: Odella T. Welch
Deputy Commissioner

Marion E. Reitz, Director
Division of Public Welfare

William Waldman, Director
Division of Youth and Family Services



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Dear Lifeline Beneficiary:

Do you need health care you cannot afford?

New Jersey Care ...Special Medicaid Programs includes a new program designed to help certain aged, blind and disabled persons qualify for complete health care coverage under Medicaid.

As a Lifeline beneficiary you may qualify if you can meet the program's income and asset requirements.

A SINGLE PERSON MUST HAVE MONTHLY INCOME THAT IS AT OR BELOW \$480 AND ASSETS THAT ARE AT OR BELOW \$3,800.

A COUPLE MUST HAVE MONTHLY INCOME THAT IS AT OR BELOW \$644 AND ASSETS THAT ARE AT OR BELOW \$5,700.

If you own your home and a car, you may still be eligible for this New Jersey Care program.

If your income is too high for you to qualify for this New Jersey Care program, you still may be able to receive some Medicaid coverage from another New Jersey Care program for medically needy individuals; however, you must apply for it.

EXAMPLES OF INCOME ARE:

- Social Security income
- pensions, annuities
- interest or dividends
- legal settlements
- public or private disability compensation
- veterans' benefits

EXAMPLES OF ASSETS ARE:

- money in bank accounts
- stocks, bonds or certificates of deposit
- trust funds or retirement accounts
- some life insurance policies

If you are married, your spouse's income may be considered.

If you live in another's household, the value of food or shelter received at reduced cost may be counted as income.

Your Medicare Part B premium, if deducted from your Social Security check, will be counted as income.

Certain monies which you have set aside for burial are not counted as an asset.

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If you qualify, New Jersey Care will cover these services:

- physician (doctor)
- home health services
- prescribed drugs from a pharmacy (including limited over-the-counter)
- medical day care
- personal care assistant services
- eyeglasses, hearing aids, and orthopedic shoes
- dentist
- podiatrist (foot care)
- hospital (inpatient and outpatient)
- nursing home services, including skilled and intermediate care

In addition, the State will pay your Medicare Part B monthly premium which is \$24.80, as well as for many other health services not covered by Medicare.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE NEW JERSEY CARE PROGRAM MUST BE MADE IN PERSON AT THE WELFARE AGENCY/BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES IN THE COUNTY WHERE YOU LIVE.

For more information about the New Jersey Care program for the aged, blind and disabled, call the Welfare Agency/Board of Social Services in the county where you live and ask to speak to someone about New Jersey Care:

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>TELEPHONE NUMBER</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>TELEPHONE NUMBER</u>
Atlantic	(609) 348-3001	Mercer	(609) 989-4664
Bergen	(201) 393-4500	Middlesex	(201) 745-3550
Burlington	(609) 261-1000	Monmouth	(201) 431-6300
Camden	(609) 757-6600	Morris	(201) 326-7272
Cape May	(609) 886-6200	Ocean	(201) 349-1500
Cumberland	(609) 691-4600	Passaic	(201) 881-3228
Essex	(201) 733-3059	Salem	(609) 299-7200
Gloucester	(609) 582-9200	Somerset	(201) 526-8800
Hudson	(201) 420-3021	Sussex	(201) 383-3600
Hunterdon	(201) 788-1300	Union	(201) 351-1112
		Warren	(201) 475-4744

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