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Medicaid Communication No. 88-23                      Date: July 1, 1988

To:                      County Welfare Agency Directors

Subject:              Increase in SSI Institutional Payment

This is to advise that, in accordance with the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987 (OBRA-87), the Federal payment level for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients residing in Title XIX certified facilities will increase with the July 1988 payment. Such persons currently receive a monthly institutional payment of up to \$25.00 (\$50.00 for a couple) and a \$10.00 (\$20.00 for a couple) State supplement. The federal payment level will increase by \$5.00 per month for an individual and \$10.00 for a couple. Medicaid Only recipients currently residing in Title XIX facilities who are entitled to a \$35.00 monthly personal needs allowance (PNA) are not affected by this increase.

Additionally, the Social Security Administration (SSA) has agreed to administer the State supplement. Therefore, beginning September 1, 1988 both the federal SSI payment and the State supplement will be combined in a single check issued by the Social Security Administration.

Federal administration of the State supplement payments requires a modification to the State Data Exchange (SDX) living arrangement codes for institutionalized individuals. These recipients who were previously identified on the SDX with a living arrangement code of "D/Z" will now be identified with a code of "D/G". These changes will be reflected in the July version of the SDX which will be produced for the September SSI benefits.

Affected institutionalized recipients will be notified of the new payment levels and the subsequent combination of the State

supplement check with the Supplemental Security institutional payment.

Institutionalized Medicaid Only recipients whose monthly income (with benefit of the \$20.00 general income disregard) is below the new combined federal and State supplement level of \$40.00 should be referred to SSI for application so that their "personal needs allowance" is maximized.

Questions regarding this Communication should be directed to the Medicaid field service staff assigned to your county.

Sincerely,



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