



State of New Jersey

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND HEALTH SERVICES
CN 712

TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08625
(609) 588-2600

WILLIAM WALDMAN
Commissioner

SAUL M. KILSTEIN
Director

MEDICAID COMMUNICATION NO. 93-11

DATE: 4/8/93

**TO: County Welfare Agency Directors
Institutional Services Section Area Offices**

SUBJECT: Social Security Cost of Living Increase - 3.0% - January 1993

Attached for your review is the January 1993 Social Security Income Increase List covering patients in facilities in your county. For the January cost of living increase, an automatic 3.0% was computed for those Medicaid patients who had a PA-3L in the long-term care billing system prior to January 1993.

Since facilities are required to report **all** income changes, including those involving annual cost of living increases, a newsletter was sent instructing them to carefully review the February 1993 billing document and compare the patient payment amount listed against the amount in the "Net Inc After" column on the COLA update report. The facilities were further instructed to report **any** corrections greater than \$1.00 to the county welfare agency or the Institutional Services Section area office, as appropriate, to ensure that a new PA-3L is issued. The income of those Medicaid patients that may be affected by cost of living adjustments, but is not subject to the Social Security automatic increase, i.e., Railroad Retirement, is included in "Net Inc After" and should also be reviewed.

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 billing system. Questions regarding this communication can be directed to the Bureau of Claims and Accounts at (609) 588-2885.

Sincerely,


for Saul M. Kilstein
Director

SMK:G

Attachment

c: Marion E. Reitz, Director
Division of Family Development

Nicholas Scalera, Director
Division of Youth and Family Services