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TO: County Welfare Directors

**SUBJECT: New Jersey Care...Special Medicaid Programs
Medically Needy Segment Fact Sheets**

I am pleased to announce the availability of newly formatted Fact Sheets for the Medically Needy Program. Attached is an initial supply of 100 copies for your use.

Please feel free to distribute these publications in any manner suitable for your agency. Unfortunately, due to budget and space limitations, we will not be maintaining a shelf stock and ask that you produce additional copies as needed beyond this initial supply.

If you have any questions about this communication or need additional information about the Fact Sheets, please contact Sandra Stangil of the Office of Eligibility Policy and Operations at (609) 588-2556.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alan G. Wheeler".

Alan G. Wheeler
Acting Director

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Attachments

c: Marion Reitz, Director
Division of Family Development

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Division of Youth & Family Services

A NEW JERSEY CARE . . . Special Medicaid Program MEDICALLY NEEDY SEGMENT

Have you been denied Medicaid in the past because your income or assets were too high?

Have you lost your Medicaid and Supplemental Security Income payments because you receive Social Security Disability payments?

Are you 65 years of age or older, but still have high medical bills which are not covered by Medicare?

Do you have young children who need medical care that you cannot afford?

Are you pregnant? Unable to afford prenatal care? Are you worried about the hospital cost for your delivery?

The Medically Needy Program may help you. It provides medical coverage to certain needy individuals who may not be able to afford health care services, and who do not qualify for the regular Medicaid program.

TO QUALIFY FOR SERVICES, you must be

- A pregnant woman
- A needy child (under 21 years of age)
- Aged (65 years of age or older)
- Blind or disabled

AND

- Your income must fall at or below certain limits. You may meet the income limit immediately or at a later time after using a special "spend-down" method described on the reverse side. If you are over the asset limit, you **cannot be eligible** for the Medically Needy Program.

MEDICALLY NEEDY INCOME AND ASSET LIMITS

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6
Maximum Monthly Income	\$433	\$500	\$591	\$683	\$758	\$833
Maximum Current Assets	\$4,000	\$6,000	\$6,100	\$6,200	\$6,300	\$6,400

COUNTED AS MONTHLY INCOME

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Social Security Income - Pensions, annuities - Interest or dividends - Gross wages, tips, commissions - Inheritances, gifts, prizes - Legal settlements - Unemployment compensation - Public or private disability compensation - Veteran's benefits | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Payments from trust funds - Alimony or child support - Worker's compensation - Rental income - The income of your spouse may be counted in your income determination - The income of parent(s) of needy children will be counted |
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COUNTED AS RESOURCES

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Money in bank accounts - A car in certain situations* - Property OTHER than that in which you live - Stocks, bonds, or certificates of deposit | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trust funds or retirement accounts - Some life insurance policies - Some personal effects - Some household goods |
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*a car needed for work or transportation for medical treatment is not counted

IF YOUR MONTHLY INCOME IS TOO HIGH, you may still be able to meet the program's income limit by subtracting certain items that fit your situation. For example:

Families with needy children can subtract

- \$90 of wages for each employed person,
- \$50 of total child support received, and
- the actual cost of child care up to a maximum of:

	Parent(s) Employed Full-Time	Parent(s) Employed Part-Time
Child Under Age 2	\$200	\$150
Other Children	\$175	\$135

Aged, blind and disabled persons can subtract the first \$20 of unearned income (such as Social Security or pension income).

You might be able to meet the income limit in another way. The Medically Needy Program uses a unique process called "spend down". "Spend down" is the process of subtracting certain medical bills and health insurance premiums from your income until it is equal to the monthly income limit you must reach.

For Example:

- you are applying just for yourself; there are no others in your family. According to the chart on the reverse side, your monthly income cannot be more than \$433 and your assets cannot be more than \$4,000.
- Your assets total \$3,100. So far you qualify for the program.
- Your monthly income is determined to be \$483. This is \$50 more than the limit.
- Since eligibility is determined in six-month periods, you will have to "spend down" a total of \$300 (\$50/month x 6 months) to be eligible for the program.
- Within the next two months, you have several medical bills. They total more than \$300.
- You show these bills to the county welfare agency where you applied. You will be eligible for the Medically Needy Program.

BASIC PACKAGE OF SERVICES FOR ALL GROUPS

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| - Physician Services | - Home Health Services | - Dental Services |
| - Laboratory and X-ray Services | - Psychological Services | - Eyeglasses |
| - Optometric Services | - Medical Transportation Services | - Audiology Services (hearing aids) |
| - Personal Care Assistant Services | - Independent Clinic Services* (health centers, family planning clinics, mental health centers) | - Outpatient Hospital Services |
| - Prosthetic and Orthotic Devices** | | |
| - Medical Supplies and Equipment | | |

*You may obtain rehabilitation services (such as physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy) through a home health agency, independent clinic, or outpatient hospital clinic, and audiology services through an independent clinic or outpatient hospital clinic.

**Such as artificial limbs or orthopedic shoes .

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

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| PREGNANT WOMEN: | Inpatient Hospital, Podiatry Services, Medical Day Care Services, Prescribed Drugs, Chiropractic Services |
| NEEDY CHILDREN: | Prescribed Drugs |
| AGED, BLIND OR DISABLED: | Podiatry Services, Medical Day Care Services |

If you think you might be eligible for this Medically Needy Program or need additional information, contact your county welfare agency/board of social services. Below are the telephone numbers:

COUNTY	TELEPHONE NUMBER
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Atlantic	(609) 348-3001
Bergen	(201) 368-4200
Burlington	(609) 261-1000
Camden	(609) 225-8266
Cape May	(609) 886-6200
Cumberland	(609) 691-4600
Essex	(201) 733-3039
Gloucester	(609) 582-9200
Hudson	(201) 420-3000/3157
Hunterdon	(908) 788-1300
Mercer	(609) 989-4664
Middlesex	(908) 745-3550
Monmouth	(908) 431-6300
Morris	(201) 326-7272
Ocean	(908) 349-1500
Passaic	(201) 881-3228/3229
Salem	(609) 299-7200, Ext. 233
Somerset	(908) 526-8800
Sussex	(201) 383-3600
Union	(908) 965-2700
Warren	(908) 475-4744