



## State of New Jersey

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND HEALTH SERVICES

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**DATE:** April 7, 1997

**TO:** County Welfare Agency Directors  
Institutional Services Section (ISS) Area Supervisors

**SUBJECT:** Increased Income Eligibility Standards; New Jersey Care...Special  
Medicaid Programs

This is to advise that the federal poverty level guidelines for 1997 were published in the March 10, 1997 issue of the Federal Register. Attached are the corresponding new income standards for the New Jersey Care program and the Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiaries (SLMB) program. These new standards are retroactively effective to January 1, 1997.

The county welfare agency (CWA) shall immediately review all cases that would otherwise have been terminated from New Jersey Care as a result of the Social Security cost-of-living increase. No action is required for those cases that remain eligible under the new income standards. Any of the continued cases which are not eligible under the new standards shall be terminated effective May 1, 1997. Adverse action requirements must, of course, be met.

Because these standards are retroactively effective to January 1, 1997, CWAs shall review all cases denied for excess income since that date to determine which would be eligible under the new standards. Any case found to be eligible shall be accreted to the eligibility file with an effective date of January 1, 1997 or the date of application, whichever is later.

Questions regarding this communication should be referred to field staff assigned to your county.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

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New Jersey Care  
1997 Poverty-Related Income Standards

Budget Unit Size	Aged, Blind, and Disabled and Children Born after 9/30/83 - 100% of Poverty	Children Age 2 up to Age 6 - 133% of Poverty	Pregnant Women and Children up to Age 1 - 185% of Poverty	Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiaries - 120% of Poverty
1	\$658	\$875	\$1,217	\$789
2	885	1,176	1,636	1,061
3	1,111	1,478	2,056	
4	1,338	1,779	2,475	
5	1,565	2,081	2,894	
6	1,791	2,382	3,314	
7	2,018	2,684	3,733	
8	2,245	2,985	4,152	
each addit.	227	302	420	