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**MEDICAID COMMUNICATION NO. 09-08**

**DATE: March 27, 2009**

**TO:** County Welfare Agency (CWA) Directors  
NJ FamilyCare Liaisons  
Statewide Eligibility Determination Agency  
Institutional Services Section (ISS) Area Supervisors

**SUBJECT:** Increased Income Eligibility Standards; New Jersey Care...Special  
Medicaid Programs and NJ FamilyCare  
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This is to advise that the federal poverty level guidelines for 2009 were announced on January 23, 2009 by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) and made available on line via the electronic version of the Federal Register. Attached are the corresponding new income standards for the New Jersey Care...Special Medicaid Programs and NJ FamilyCare. These new standards are retroactively effective to January 1, 2009, for both programs.

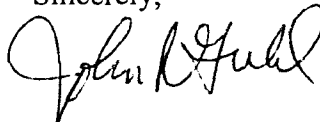
The CWA and the ISS offices shall immediately review all cases that would otherwise have been terminated from the aged, blind or disabled segment of the New Jersey Care...Special Medicaid Programs as a result of the Social Security cost-of-living increase. No action is required for those cases that remain eligible under the new income standards. Any of the continued cases that are not eligible under the new standards shall be terminated effective May 1, 2009. Adverse action requirements must, of course, be met.

Because these standards are retroactively effective to January 1, 2009, the CWA and statewide eligibility determination agency shall also review all applicable NJ FamilyCare cases determined ineligible after January 2009 using the former standards. These cases should be reevaluated for eligibility under the new standards. It is important that any Plan A case found to be eligible shall be accreted to the eligibility file with an effective date of January 1, 2009, or the date of application, whichever is later.

Additionally, if you are aware of any current NJ FamilyCare Plan B case that may now qualify for Plan A coverage as a result of the increase in the FPL, you are asked to reevaluate eligibility for Plan A coverage, retroactive to January 2009, and to advise the beneficiary of the change in coverage and change in Medicaid Eligibility Identification Number, if necessary.

Questions regarding this Communication should be referred to the Office of Policy Development field staff assigned to your county by calling 609-588-2556.

Sincerely,



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Director

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Attachment

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## 2009 Income Standards for New Jersey Care and NJ FamilyCare

Family Size	AFDC Medicaid (July 16,1996) Plan A		Children/ Pregnant Women A Up to 100% of the Poverty Level		Children/ Pregnant Women A Parents I/D Up to 133% of the Poverty Level		Children B Parents D Up to 150% of the Poverty Level		Pregnant Women and Children Under the Age of 1 Up to 185% of the Poverty Level	
	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly
1	\$2,220	\$185	\$10,830	\$903	\$14,404	\$1,201	\$16,245	\$1,354	\$20,036	\$1,670
2	4,428	369	14,570	1,215	19,379	1,615	21,855	1,822	26,955	2,247
3	5,316	443	18,310	1,526	24,353	2,030	27,465	2,289	33,874	2,823
4	6,084	507	22,050	1,838	29,327	2,444	33,075	2,757	40,793	3,400
5	6,804	567	25,790	2,150	34,301	2,859	38,685	3,224	47,712	3,976
6	7,488	624	29,530	2,461	39,275	3,273	44,295	3,692	54,631	4,553
7	8,124	677	33,270	2,773	44,250	3,688	49,905	4,159	61,550	5,130
8	8,736	728	37,010	3,085	49,224	4,102	55,515	4,627	68,469	5,706
Each Add.	624	50	3,740	312	4,975	415	5,610	468	6,919	577

Family Size	Pregnant Women A Children C Parents D Up to 200% of the Poverty Level		Children D Up to 250% of the Poverty Level		Children D Up to 300% of the Poverty Level		Children D Up to 350% of the Poverty Level	
	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly
1	\$21,660	\$1,805	\$27,075	\$2,257	\$32,490	\$2,708	\$37,905	\$3,159
2	29,140	2,429	36,425	3,036	43,710	3,643	50,995	4,250
3	36,620	3,052	45,775	3,815	54,930	4,578	64,085	5,341
4	44,100	3,675	55,125	4,594	66,150	5,513	77,175	6,432
5	51,580	4,299	64,475	5,373	77,370	6,448	90,265	7,523
6	59,060	4,922	73,825	6,153	88,590	7,383	103,355	8,613
7	66,540	5,545	83,175	6,932	99,810	8,318	116,445	9,704
8	74,020	6,169	92,525	7,711	111,030	9,253	129,535	10,795
Each Add.	7,480	624	9,350	780	11,220	935	13,090	1,091

### Adults/Couples without Dependent Children

#### NJ FamilyCare

Family Size	WFNJ/General Assistance Plan G		
	Annual	Monthly	Resources
1	\$1,680	\$140*	\$2,000
2	2,316	193	2,000
100% FPL Plan H			
1	\$ 10,830	\$903	
2	14,570	1,215	

\*210/\$289 for unemployable

#### New Jersey Care

Family Size	Aged, Blind, & Disabled 100% of Poverty Level Plan A		
	Annual	Monthly	Resources
1	\$10,830	\$903	\$4,000
2	14,570	1,215	6,000
NJ WorkAbility (250% FPL) Plan A			
1	\$27,075	\$2,257	\$20,000
2	36,425	3,036	30,000
Breast & Cervical (250% FPL) Plan A			
1	\$27,075	\$2,257	
2	36,425	3,036	