TO:       Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Medicaid Model Waivers - Care At Home Program

ATTACHMENTS: There are no attachments to this LCM.

The purpose of this memorandum is to clarify the process necessary to
establish a family's ineligibility for Medicaid as a prerequisite to
application for the Medicaid Model Waiver Programs, Care At Home I (CAH I)
and Care At Home II (CAH II).

Medicaid ineligibility for a family interested in applying for the Care At
Home Programs should be simply documented using either excess income or
excess resources. An in-depth financial review is not required so long as
the family is apprised of their right to have such a comprehensive
determination undertaken should they so desire.

Once the family has been determined to be ineligible for Medicaid, the
child's eligibility must be determined. Occasionally a child may have his
or her own income or resources (e.g. as a result of an insurance settlement)
which would render him/her ineligible for Medicaid.

Since participation in the Care At Home Programs is contingent in part upon
the child's continued Medicaid eligibility, the child's eligibility status
must be redetermined periodically (at least annually). The family's
Medicaid ineligibility does not have to be redetermined. The family will
continue to be considered ineligible until such time as they wish to submit
a new Medicaid application.

Questions concerning the model waiver programs should be addressed to Ms.
Linda Reese at 1-800-342-4100, extension 3-5491.

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